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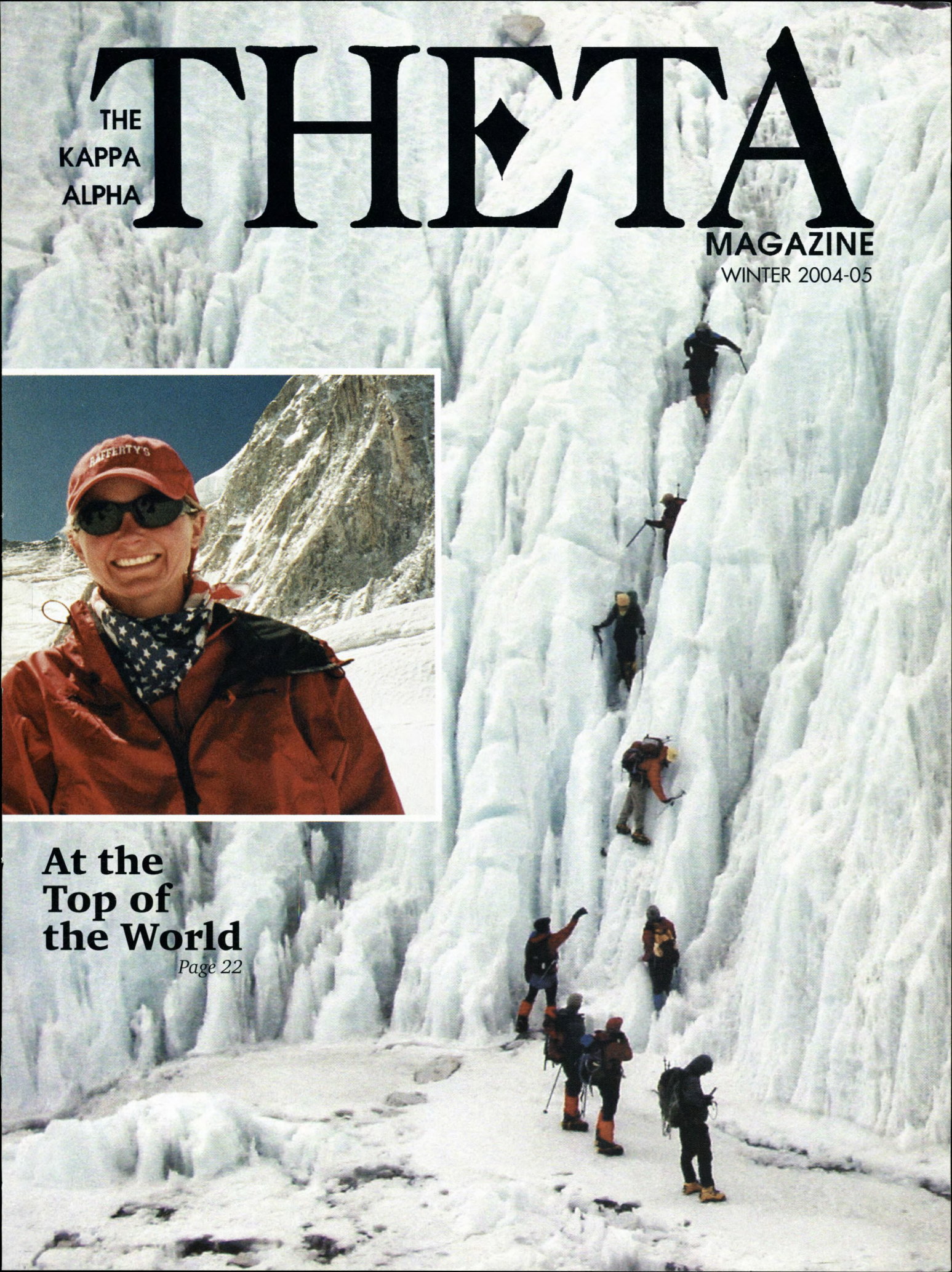
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**At the
Top of
the World**

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Facing Challenges

Over the past ten years, many readers of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* have probably noticed that some issues have unofficial themes. I say *unofficial* because we don't often announce them on the cover or in this column or in some sort of lead story. Instead, it's more a case of a number of articles in the same issue having a cohesive element.

This—the Winter 2004-05 issue—is one such issue. In it, we salute some Thetas who have persevered in the face of formidable challenges. Of course, challenges are inherent in life, and we've all faced them to one degree or another. Sometimes we are fortunate and can choose our challenges; sometimes, for better or worse, they choose us.

It's interesting to note that there are a number of different words we can use to refer to life's ups and downs, and that they are all subtly different. *Difficulty* is applied to anything hard to contend with, without restrictions on intensity, while *hardship* suggests suffering that is extremely hard to bear. *Rigor* implies severe hardship, but further connotes that it is imposed by external circumstances beyond one's control. *Vicissitude*, which is a lot more fun to say than it is to deal with, suggests a difficulty that is inherent in a situation.

Upon reading the articles in this issue of *The Magazine*, a coworker of mine remarked, "Wow. These women make me feel like a slug." Now *slug* is not a word that anyone would use to refer to my colleague. She has a more-than-full-time job that requires lots of

traveling; she has two young children; she is active in her community. Yet I know what she means.

On page 16, you will meet Sophia Augier, Beta Pi/Michigan State, whose three sons are autistic. Every day, Augier fights not only to help her children grow up to have independent, productive lives, but also to help demystify a disease that affects staggering numbers of people.

On page 22, you will meet Mills Davis, Epsilon Eta/Centre College. For most of her life, she has dreamed of climbing Mount Everest, and last May, she did. Her journey to the top of the world's highest mountain lasted ten weeks and was the culmination of years of training.

Although both these women would be embarrassed if I referred to them as heroes, I think they have behaved heroically, and I am pleased that we are able to recognize them in *The Magazine*.

For a historical perspective on overcoming challenge, we offer our regular Through the Years feature on page 24. In the Fraternity's early days, many Thetas worked diligently for women's suffrage and, in so doing, helped their sisters gain full citizenship.

As always, we hope you enjoy this issue of the Theta magazine. And we further hope you have a joyful holiday season and a happy, peaceful new year.

Loyally,

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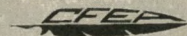
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KAPPA ALPHA THETA MISSION STATEMENT

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW,
KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE
EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE
AND ALUMNAE EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER
LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL,
INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH
AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER
DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.



www.KappaAlphaTheta.org

Answers to frequently asked questions about the Kappa Alpha Theta website.

Q Why do I have to sign in with my member number and password just to download a Letter of Reference form?

A Only members of Kappa Alpha Theta may submit a letter of reference for a potential new member. If the Letter of Reference form were accessible in a public area of the website, it would be possible for non-Thetas, either through honest error or as a prank, to copy, complete, and submit a letter of reference. Such a possibility would mean that the volunteers who are responsible for processing references would have to determine whether the submitter of every single Letter of Reference form was, in fact, a Theta in good standing.

Q I am surfing the website and just want to get back to the homepage; what's the fastest way to do this?

A Any time you would like to get to the homepage, just click on the Theta badge in the upper left-hand corner, and you will be brought back home to start over with your surfing.



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Anytime you would like to make a suggestion to improve or ask a question about the site, please contact webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org!

Q I have made a suggestion for the website, but I haven't seen it carried out. What is the delay?

A We are always happy to receive suggestions to improve www.kappaalphatheta.org. You will get a reply letting you know we have received your suggestion and are investigating and considering the idea. Some ideas take quite a bit of time to implement and might not fit into the budget right away. We have an ongoing (and lengthy!) list of website-improvement projects, and all suggestions must be evaluated in conjunction with other items already on the list as well as with other members' suggestions.

Q I'm in a hurry and looking for one particular item on the website. Is there an easy way to search for a particular page?

A On the homepage of www.kappaalphatheta.org, you will see a link to the Site Table of Contents. This will take you to a list of clickable links to everything contained in the website. If you are elsewhere on the site and would like to get to the table of contents, simply click below the badge at the upper left-hand corner of the page.

Q When will we see a new look for www.kappaalphatheta.org?

A The Fraternity is currently in the beginning stages of the strategic planning process, and these plans will probably impact many areas of the website! Currently, we are evaluating ways to make navigation easier, to make the site more visually appealing, to add search features, and to convert the site so that it adapts to a variety of screen sizes. This is a long process, and you will probably notice small changes over time.

FACILITY CORPORATION BOARDS

Thetas everywhere owe a debt of gratitude to the women of our facility corporation boards (FCBs). They do their jobs to ensure that our collegians have secure, attractive, and comfortable facilities in which to live and function. For chapters without facilities, the boards are invaluable in enhancing whatever space they have. They are diligent in watching over the finances to make sure that the corporation is stable and growing. They have to assure that funds are present for maintenance, as well as for decorating, improvements, and any additions.

As one of my facility corporation board members wrote me, "Since I don't have a lot of spare time, it is nice to be able to help the women, and they are very appreciative of everything we do." Along with the other facility corporation district directors, I want to congratulate our marvelous FCB members for commendable service and hope that all Thetas will join us in our tribute.

SALLY COWAN REINHOLD
Ψ/WISCONSIN

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LOAN FUND, FORMER
FACILITY CORPORATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR

THETA BADGE

I recently read your article in the Theta magazine concerning Theta badges (Letters, Autumn 2004). Since neither of my adult daughters pledged a sorority and they have no daughters of their own, I would like to return my pin to the Fraternity. I have no specific instructions as to its disposal. I would appreciate instructions from your office as to how to send the badge to you.

BETTY ANN ORWIG QUEAL
A/DEPAUW

Editor's note: the archives staff contacted Betty Anne Queal about her badge. If, like Mrs. Queal, you have a badge that you would like to return, please contact Noraleen Young, 888-526-1870, ext. 144; nyoung@kappaalphatheta.org).

Fraternity Archivist Mary Edith Estes Arnold, AM/Missouri, offers further information. "The Kappa Alpha Theta Constitution states that the badge is the property of the Fraternity



and should be retained by the member only so long as she shall remain a member. Options for appropriate disposition of a Theta badge include burying it with the member, giving it to another Kappa Alpha Theta member (a relative or friend), returning it to the Fraternity, returning it to the Fraternity with a specific usage suggested (subject to the Fraternity's ultimate disposition)."

A SOLDIER'S STORY

The article on Anita Trepanier outraged me. Ms. Trepanier, no doubt, is a fine young lady and a credit to her profession. However, the nature of the article was definitely supportive of the American presence in Iraq. Americans are doing more than laying pipe for water in rural Iraq. The current administration has allowed more than 1,000 US soldiers to be killed for the benefit of a culture that does not want our presence. American bombs have killed more than 4,000 non-military Iraqis, including children.

In view of this, please remove my name and address from future mailings. You may think I am over-reacting; I think this article is an example of under-reacting. The article fails to deal with the serious issues. Please don't send me your magazine any more.

CAROLYN WILHELM
B/INDIANA

Editor's note: The Magazine is a Fraternity publication and, as such, is apolitical. This does not preclude us, however, from featuring articles or news items about Thetas who may be involved in activities with political overtones. The profile of Anita

LETTERS

Trepanier ("Part of a Team; Making a Difference," Autumn 2004) was intended as neither an endorsement nor an indictment of the US presence in Iraq. It was simply intended as a personal biographical sketch of one Theta.

50-YEAR THETAS

It is with a great deal of amazement that I accept the pansy pin for 50 years! The years have truly flown by ... Theta has been one of my most special associations! As we were told when joining, the friendships are forever, and I have been blessed and honored with many dear friends that would not have otherwise crossed my path.

Thank you for remembering me! I will always be proud to be a Theta!

DIANE DRAPER FLEMING
AΣ/WASHINGTON STATE

WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input.

Letters to *The Magazine* may be sent via mail (Liz Rinck, Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268), fax (317-876-1925), or e-mail (lrinck@kappaalphatheta.org).

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation strengthens and empowers members through philanthropy and education.

Interested in attending a workshop? Is your college or alumnae chapter interested in sponsoring a leadership training program?

Foundation grants are available for leadership training and development or non-degree educational courses. Grant applications must be received at least 90 days prior to the scheduled date of the program or course. For more information, visit the Foundation at www.kappaalphatheta.org.

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The Friendship Fund

"Theta for a lifetime" is a phrase heard at the beginning of membership in Kappa Alpha Theta. The Friendship Fund is a tangible demonstration of the idea that the care and support of Theta members does last a lifetime. The Friendship Fund was established in 1926, and management of the Fund was transferred to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation in 1994. The Friendship Fund assists both alumnae and collegians experiencing severe financial distress, catastrophic illness, natural disaster, or urgent family crisis. Touching many lives during the past 78 years, the Friendship Fund gifted more than \$60,000 in 2003-2004 to Thetas in need.

Last year, one inquiry to the Friendship Fund was received from a member of another women's fraternity, Pi Beta Phi. The Pi Phi member contacted the Foundation on behalf of a dear Theta friend. Upon learning about the Friendship Fund's requirement for sponsorship from two Theta alumna members, a small team of friends, including the Pi Phi member and two Thetas, went to work. The following is an excerpt from the thank you note from the Pi Phi member that describes how the fund not only touched the life of her Theta friend, but also how the Fund reached across Panhellenic ties. Since confidentiality is one of the key aspects of the fund, all names have been removed from the excerpt.

"I'm the Pi Phi who contacted you last year about whether Theta had a program of

financial assistance for alumns. I wanted to get back with you and the committee to provide an update about [the recipient]. Our little group (myself and the two Thetas who have been working on her behalf) met with [the recipient] last week and it was wonderful. She won her contests with Social Security and the medical insurance company. [The recipient's] benefits have been fully re-instated. She was relaxed, healthy, and confident about her life's situation ... a total contrast from a year ago.

friendship fund

"We all agreed it was the gift from the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation Friendship Fund that was the first victory in our strategy to help her. It was the confidence-builder that there were unknown resources that could be available to her. Not only was it a meaningful gift for her, but it also thrilled her family. I thank the Foundation again for the generous gift. It is such a special feeling that Panhellenic sisterhood goes beyond the four years that one spends on a college campus."

As Thetas across the country celebrate Founders Day 2005, remember how your gifts to the Friendship Fund help sisters in need. If you know a Theta experiencing financial need and would like to request Friendship Fund assistance, please contact Cindy Thoennes, coordinator of programs.

The Foundation in Cincinnati

Last summer, Martha Griffith, ΓΠ/Iowa State, hosted a special Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation luncheon at Wetherington Golf and Country Club in West Chester, Ohio, for nine Cincinnati-area Thetas. Foundation Executive Director S. Anne Burcham and Development Director Kristin James had the opportunity to join the ladies and educate them about the many programs and scholarships provided by the Foundation. In addition, the ladies learned about the differences between the Foundation and the Fraternity. The luncheon was a wonderful opportunity for the Foundation staff to answer questions and share the many ways the Foundation impacts each and every college member, as well as alumnae. One of the guests in attendance was Cincinnati Alumnae



Chapter President Mindy Schweitzer, AT/Cincinnati. Schweitzer provided the guests in attendance with an update on the local chapter, as well as a summary of the legislation passed at Grand Convention 2004.

James shared these words about the luncheon, "We spend so much time in the office taking care of daily business that it's refreshing to get out and interact with donors and meet new Thetas. The Cincinnati women are a great group, and Anne and I were so pleased to have the privilege of meeting them. Thank you to Martha Griffith for hosting a beautiful luncheon!"

Applying for a Foundation Scholarship?

Download an application from the Theta website. Scholarship Application Deadline: Postmark Feb. 1, 2005

XI CHAPTER

With deep regret, the members of Grand Council have accepted the charter of the Xi Chapter at Wesleyan University, which was relinquished by a unanimous chapter vote on November 15. Decreasing membership made it impossible to carry on chapter operations despite the valiant efforts of the current chapter members, their advisors, and the Fraternity.

Since its re-establishment in 1989, Xi has contributed many high-quality members who continue to be an asset to the Fraternity.

"HITTING THE ROAD"

Attention alumnae: Kappa Alpha Theta is coming to you! We're "hitting the road" to bring you RoadShows, biennial seminars

designed especially for alumnae. It is a time to

enhance leadership skills, learn more about the Fraternity, learn what makes a successful alumnae chapter, and foster sisterhood.

A RoadShow is a one-day event, and approximately 30 will be held around the US. This means no overnight stay is necessary, and travel time will be minimal! More information will be available at www.kappaalphatheta.org.



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

A permanent alumnae secretary (PAS) maintains records of all initiated members of a given chapter and thus helps to ensure that each alumna remains in touch with Theta. The following chapters are in need of a PAS:

N/Hanover
O/USC
AΘ/Texas
ΔX/Virginia
EI/Westminster
ZI/Washington & Lee
HA/Santa Clara

For more information or to volunteer for a PAS position, please call Lou Simpson, director of PAS, 248-642-2468.

MILESTONE YEARS

The Fraternity headquarters staff comprises 18 people, two-thirds of

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

This January and February, more than 1,150 Thetas will gather in nine cities across the US for the sixth annual District Leadership Conferences (DLC). College chapter presidents and the vice-presidents finance, education, administration, development, external relations, and membership, plus advisors will receive education and training in leadership, personal development, and Theta-specific programs.

Dates and locations for DLC 2005 are below; more information is available at www.kappaalphatheta.org.

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DLC 2005
Education & Officer Training

District I

Hyatt Regency Downtown
Indianapolis, Ind.
Jan. 28-30, 2005

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Wyndham Pittsburgh Airport
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Jan. 21-23, 2005

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Boston, Mass.
Feb. 25-27, 2005

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Feb. 25-27, 2005

District V

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Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 25-27, 2005

District VI

Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport Marriott
Irving, Texas
Jan. 28-30, 2005

District VII

Renaissance LA Airport
Los Angeles, Calif.
Feb. 4-6, 2005

District VIII

San Jose Doubletree Airport
San Jose, Calif.
Feb. 25-27, 2005

District IX

Omaha Marriott
Omaha, Neb.
Jan. 21-23, 2005

whom have worked for Theta for more than five years! This year, Ruth Charles-Myers, receptionist, celebrates her five-year anniversary; and Mindy Young, assistant director of finance; Maureen Bowers, art director; and Liz Rinck, director of communications, celebrate their 10-year anniversaries.

WEAR YOUR BADGE WITH PRIDE

March 7, 2005 will mark the ninth annual International Panhellenic Badge Day, an effort sponsored by the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) to encourage fraternity women to celebrate their Greek affiliations by wearing their badge or letters. The theme of this year's campaign is "Remember your pledge of loyalty ... wear your badge with pride."

By wearing letters or badges, fraternity members can encourage questions and discussion about the Greek system. We can promote the lifetime opportunities for friendship, learning, and service that Theta provides.

REUNIONS ANNOUNCED A/DEPAUW

Members of the DePauw Kappa Alpha Theta class of 1961 are planning a reunion February 4 to 6, 2005, at the SaraSea Resort on Siesta Key, Fla. We have a dozen confirmed reservations and a couple of "maybes," but we would love to hear from all others. This is planned as a memorial reunion for two sisters we lost within six months to breast cancer: Barbara Hepler Lowe and Chris Moffitt Brain. Please contact Liz Doeller Radcliff, 765-284-5220, or eldhrad@aol.com.

ΔE/NORTH CAROLINA

Alumnae reunion the weekend of May 20, 2005 in the Washington, DC, area. Contact Annie Crowder, '84, for details at Crowder980@comcast.net or go to Yahoo!Groups and search Delta Xi's group for recent updates and info.

ΓY/MIAMI

Members of the Gamma Upsilon Chapter at Miami University will gather in Oxford, Ohio, from June 23 to June 26. For more information, please contact Char Dallas Bonsack, 205-408-9084, or bonsack@earthlink.net. ♦



Members of the **ETA KAPPA CHAPTER** at **JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY** flew kites with the children of the Cleveland alumnae at the Cleveland Alum Kite Fly in May.



The **FOOTHILL, CALIF., ALUMNAE CHAPTER** hosted "Bridging the Gap" for alumnae and local undergraduates who were home during the summer. The women brought

school supplies to send to area Theta chapters to support the Fraternity's mission of highest scholarship. Attending were **JENNIFER CHAPMAN ROOT, ΔΨ/UC RIVERSIDE**; **CHARMÉ ARAGON, ΔΨ/UC RIVERSIDE**; **MARIANA ARODITIS, ZΦ/PEPPERDINE**; **JESSICA MARTINEZ, ΓP/UC SANTA BARBARA**; **MARY MCCABE MARTINEZ, ΓP/UC SANTA BARBARA**; and **CAROLINE PAN, Ω/BERKELEY**.

Former Fraternity and Foundation officers reunited in Santa Fe in August, dubbing themselves the Platinum Kites, and plan to meet every other year. All former Foundation and Fraternity officers are invited to join, and can be added to the e-mail list by contacting Jenifer Lucas at jeniferl@comcast.net.

Attending the August reunion were: (front) **FLORENCE ASHBY, BN/FLORIDA STATE**; **MARILYN EDMIER HUSEBY, AX/PURDUE**; **PEGGY JO COOK COKER, BE/OREGON STATE**; **JENIFER LUCAS, AY/WASHBURN**; (middle): **RUTHIE MEANS LANGSTAFF, ΓΘ/CARNEGIE MELLON**; **JUDY KUBLY ALEXANDER, ΓA/BELOIT**; **MARILYN CHESHER LYNCH, ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH**; **SUE SHANE SAUTERMEISTER, B/INDIANA**; (back): **NANCY KOBERSTEIN, BK/DRAKE**; **WENDY TAYLOR HOEKEMA, O/USC**; **GENNY BUTZ ADSIT, BΠ/MICHIGAN STATE**; **PAT BOYNTON FREY, A/DEPAUW**; and **LOUISE LEV GEIL, BI/COLORADO**.



Three members of the **GAMMA IOTA CHAPTER** at **KENTUCKY—CARMON RUDOLPH KINGTON, MARY CARTER PULLIAM CONDER, JULIE LUCAS SAXON—plus ALLISON LUCAS, DO/ALABAMA, and ANNE TAYLOR TIPTON, ZI/ WASHINGTON & LEE**, paused for a photo in Longboat Key, Fla.



Hanna Patterson, president of the **Tau Chapter** at **Northwestern**, was named one the 100 Most Influential Women in Chicago by Crain's Chicago Business.

Carolyn McKenzie Carter, ΓΔ/Georgia, and her husband, Don, have established the Carolyn McKenzie and Don E. Carter Professorship of Excellence in Journalism at the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications. The Carter Professorship will investigate issues of fairness, bias, and balance and study the rights of privacy, conflicts of interest, news display and the role of journalists in a community.

Barbara Hackman Franklin, BΦ/Penn State, was named one of three national recipients of the 2004 Alumni Achievement Awards given by Mortar Board, Inc. Alumni of Achievement are selected for their continued service as models of leadership, scholarship, and service beyond their undergraduate years in their colleges, communities, and professions. Franklin served as staff assistant to President Richard Nixon (1971-73), recruiting talented women into leadership positions in the federal government. She was one of the original commissioners of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. In 1992, Franklin was confirmed as the 20th secretary of commerce under President George H. W. Bush and was the highest-ranking woman in his administration. Franklin is currently president and CEO of her own international consulting firm.

Cindy Tate Ball, AO/Oklahoma, was awarded the 2004 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Award. Ball is a fourth-grade teacher at Sadler Arts Academy in Muskogee, Okla. In the spring of 2004, Ball was also recognized by the University of Oklahoma College of Education for her teaching contributions. Ball received the 2002-2003 National Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award, the 2002 Oklahoma Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award, and the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence Elementary Teacher of the Year award.

Last spring, **Maralyn Budke, ΓO/New Mexico**, was honored with the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center's Community Partnership Cornerstone Award, which recognizes individuals who have made highly significant contributions to the success of the Health Sciences Center. After earning a masters degree in political science from UNM, Budke joined New Mexico's legislative finance committee staff, where she eventually became director. There she headed several major initiatives that led to the creation of the School of Medicine, and to legislation authorizing the regents to lease what is now UNM Hospital. Budke also served on UNM Hospital's board of trustees and as chair of the Hospital's clinical operations board.

In Sept., **Megan Phillips, AM/Missouri**, became the 29th president of the Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis. Phillips works both in the private and public sectors, and she is a consultant with Redevelopment Opportunities for Women, Inc., through the St. Louis County Greenbook Initiative, a federally funded pilot project to address domestic violence and child maltreatment cases within the St. Louis County Family Court. She also practices corporate law with Levine Law LLC. Phillips describes the duality as a perfect balance of social activism and corporate productivity.

ALUMNAE

Theta Families



CARA WATSON, AX/PURDUE (center) was joined by her mother, **LYN BUNDY WATSON, AX/PURDUE**, and grandmother, **DOTTIE McCLAMROCH BUNDY, Γ/BUTLER**, during Purdue's Mom's Day last spring.



Biological sisters **ANDRIA and NATALIE KRISS; KATHRYN and COURTNEY MAIN**; and **AILEEN SPIKER, ANGELA SPIKER HERNDON**, and **CHRISTINE SPIKER**, all **BN/FLORIDA STATE**, met up during Beta Nu's inaugural mother/daughter weekend in April.



Nine Thetas met during a Fourth of July family reunion in Ryland, Ky.: (seated) **SALLY CORTRIGHT HOLTZMULLER, AT/CINCINNATI**; **ANN SHEPARD MALONE, BT/DENISON**; **MARY CORTRIGHT STERNEBERG, AT/CINCINNATI**; (standing) **BETSY HOLTZMULLER WILSON, ΑΓ/OHIO STATE**; **NANCY HOLTZMULLER SCHAFER, ΑΓ/OHIO STATE**; **LINDSAY SCHAFER, B/INDIANA**; **JILL HOLTZMULLER MICHAEL, ΓΨ/MIAMI**; **ABBY DAWKINS, A/DEPAUW**; **SUE STERNEBERG DAWKINS, AX/PURDUE**.

EUNICE DOEHRING, ΖΨ/UT DALLAS, volunteered for the Collin County, Texas, Parade of Playhouses at the Collin Creek Mall. The fund-raiser sold tickets to win one of 12 playhouses that were built and donated by local builders and businesses. Doebling won the barbershop playhouse and donated it to Good Shepherd Community Center, a low-income daycare facility/food pantry she is involved in.



Thetas from the north-central west coast of Florida recently enjoyed a June luncheon at the Plantation Inn in Crystal River to discuss forming a new alumnae chapter.

(Front) **SAMANTHA**

HUNTER, ΔΖ/EMORY; **JUDITH LONDON MARCUS, BA/WILLIAM & MARY**; **ELOISE ESKEW COFFEY, A/DEPAUW**; (middle) **MARY JUDITH BAIRD JAHN, ΓH/MASSACHUSETTS**; **NANCY SCHWARZ FENWICK, BT/DENISON**; (back) **SHIRLEY WOOD HARTLEY, ΓO/NEW MEXICO**; **JEAN DENNIS SHEA, X/SYRACUSE**; **JULIA BANKS ASBURY, BN/FLORIDA STATE**; and **EDYTHE STANLEY SORENSEN, BN/FLORIDA STATE**. The **NATURE COAST ALUMNAE CHAPTER** was installed on July 26, 2004.

Thirteen permanent alumnae secretaries—front row) **LISA EDELMANN McLAUGHLIN, BP/DUKE**; **SUE MONTGOMERY WOLKEN,**



BO/IOWA; **SUE LAFFAN THOMPSON, ΓM/MARYLAND**; **LAURIE MCGREGOR CONNOR, ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN**; **JEN VANHORN DORRIS, EQ/WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON**; (back row) **BRYNN MILLER, ΓΨ/TEXAS CHRISTIAN**; **KYLE HARTVICKSON HANDEGARD, ΓN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE**; **DIRETOR OF PAS LOU WETSTEIN SIMPSON, BT/DENISON**; **LIZ AYSUCUE KATZ, ΔP/SOUTH FLORIDA**; **NANCY BUSH MILLHOUSE, ΓΨ/MIAMI**; **ELIZABETH FARRINGTON, ΔΞ/NORTH CAROLINA**; and **MELISSA CHANG LEE, ZM/MIT**—attended the 2004 Grand Convention in Indian Wells, Calif.

The advisory board at **ΔΔ/WHITMAN COLLEGE** recently started the **DOROTHY HOCKETT** Scholarship fund to assist active members in paying their dues. Hockett was instrumental in the founding of Delta Delta and has served the chapter as advisory board chair and facility corporation board secretary. She is also a past college district president. The goal to establish the Dorothy Hockett scholarship was made in 2002, and achieved in just two years.

Reunions



1 Members of the **ALPHA CHAPTER** met on **DePAUW's** campus in June to celebrate 50 years in Theta. During a luncheon in the chapter's dining room, members (*front*) **JOAN WESTMAN BATTEY, SUSIE MATLOCK GOODING, BETTY SAMPERE, SUE HEALEY EYNON, FRAN SWANSTROM MACCOLLUM, MARILYN SHANKS KLINGAMAN, BEV STERN McCLEVE**; (*middle*): **NANCY LANGSENKAMP FRENZEL, BARBARA SWAIN MACKINNON, TANYA VONNEGUT BECK, NAN HALL STEWART**; (*back*) **MARILYN HOLTMAN FETTERS, JEANNE MASON RATZER, ANNE BIPPUS MEEK, MARGE DAVIS MOREHEAD, HELEN CURRY HOLLAND, and BETTY DAVIS GIVENS** reunited and reminisced over old photos.



2 **LINDA MACHAMAN YOUNG, JENNIE JOHNSON ALBEE, SHERA HESS EDDY, LOUISE MCPHEETERS ZIMMERMAN, CAROL McVEY MURPHY, JANE HAFFNER SMITH, and BARB CULLUM McNAUGHTON**, all **BK/Drake**, enjoyed a June reunion in Denver.



3 Thirty-six members of the **BETA XI CHAPTER** who attended **UCLA** during 1949-1952 attended a luncheon in Los Angeles in May. Attendees included **ADALYN DUNBAR EVERETT, JEAN MONROE LAIDLAW, LOIS CRAWFORD BUB, SHIRLEY WOODLAND BOTSFORD, JOYCE WHALEN TAYLOR, and SUSIE JAMES PARKIN**.



4 Alumnae from the **DELTA PSI CHAPTER** at **UC RIVERSIDE** enjoyed a barbecue and pool party reunion in July. Attending the reunion were: (*front*): **SUZANNE SQUIRE MARKER, SHEILA KIRBY ROUCH, CHRISTY HOKINSON O'ROURKE, CINDY JEZAK, LYNDA PULLON RADKE, CHRISTINA WONG VON PINGEL**; (*middle*): **SANDRA SCHUSTER OBERLIES, CATHY KOCIAN, LAURA DADANT LINDBLOM, MARCY SAGERMAN SANDERS, HEATHER DEGROFF MORGAN, ELIZABETH SPRINGETT, LORRIANE TORRES RICHARDS**; (*back*): **CHERYL WITT, CHRISTINE MINUGH EASTMAN, KARA LIEBOWITZ, JENNIFER ROMINE SHETLAND, JAMIE THOMPSON, ANNE FERRUA PORDES, JENNIFER CHAPMAN ROOT, and NHI NGO**.



5 **SHIRLEY ALLEN DOUGLAS, CHARLOTTE CUNES PATRICK, PINKY STONE BRADY, LAVERNE KNEESHAW SCHMIDT, BARBARA LEHR JONES, NANCY HARDY DREW**, graduates of the **GAMMA CHI CHAPTER** at San Jose State, reunited in Lake Tahoe, Calif., for their annual Pansy Party in August.



6 Members of the **BETA PHI CHAPTER** at **PENN STATE** from the 1960s gather each year for a reunion. Attending this year were: (*front*) **BARB CLARK TUDAS, BETSY WELSH LENNON, SUSAN WILLIS BOWERS, KATHY MILHOUSE MURPHY, DONNA DWYER MCCLYMONT, DONNA FRANCO OLIVER, MARIANNE DRUKKER MCCLENNON, and TONI SCHICK KIPPLEMAN**; (*back*) **JANE HURLEY CORSON, JEAN BASIC ANSTINE, HARRIET CURRY GREAR, CINDY SMITH TOZER, BARB TAYLOR KONDRATH, NANCY MESSERSMITH KINDREGAN, RENE LACEY KANE, VICKI DEAN LEWIS**.

7 Alumnae of the **ZETA LAMBDA CHAPTER** at **CHARLESTON** enjoyed a beach reunion in September 2004. Attending were: (*front*) **ANGELA ALLISON-YUTZ, MANDY JOHNSON LATHAM, CARRIE JOHNSON FELTY**; (*second*): **CYNDI WHITE PEARSON, ANGELA GEORGE**; (*third*): **DAWN ROOKE LUDWIG, APRIL PINKSTON DUPREE, KRISTEN LAMB WIGGS**; (*back*): **TONYA JANICKE**.



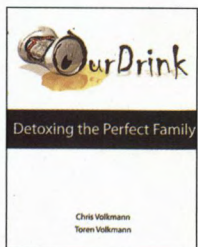
Other Reunions

- **JULIE HUGHES, RANDI ROBERTS DAMES, MICHELLE THOMAS COLES, CINDY DEBOW PARKER, KIKI REISERT STROTHER, SUE HYALL CARROLL, and MICHELE MELLINGER WHITE**, all **ΓI/KENTUCKY**, reunited in Lexington, Ky., in October 2003.
- In July 2004, 31 members of **GAMMA RHO CHAPTER** at **UC SANTA BARBARA** reunited on the UC Santa Barbara campus. All were initiated in the late 1980s.
- Members of the **BETA XI CHAPTER** who graduated from **UCLA** in 1975 celebrated their first reunion in September 2004 and enjoyed a cruise aboard the *Marlon* on San Francisco Bay.

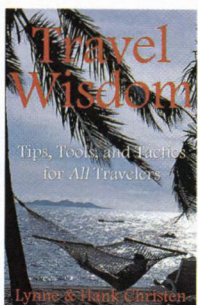
The first book by **AMY HENRY, ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M**, *What It Takes: Speak Up, Step Up, Move Up*, was published in September. Henry, who was the “last woman standing” on the first season of the Donald Trump reality



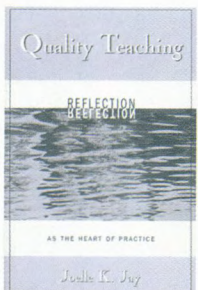
show, *The Apprentice*, shares her experiences, skills, and in-your-face advice for young women on the fast-track in the business world. Though her experiences in mostly male-dominated industries, she has learned and shares how women can succeed in the workplace by using the strategies men employ everyday, and by thinking of femininity as an asset, not a liability.



Our Drink: Detoxing the Perfect Family, was written by **CHRIS SHAMBERGER VOLKMAN, ΔΣ/WASHINGTON STATE**, and her son, Toren Volkman. The book reveals how the Volkman family missed the signs of Toren's addictions and describes the agony of the ensuing discovery. The book facilitates honest talk about drinking choices and is designed to educate youth and families about alcohol choices and the consequences of heavy drinking.



Travel Wisdom: Tips, Tools, and Tactics for All Travelers, was written by **LYNNE ROBBINS CHRISTEN, ΓΩ/AUBURN**, and her husband, Hank. Christen spent 22 years as a flight attendant for a major airline. She and her husband have crafted a travel guide that presents the new reality of travel, including how to avoid or minimize the pitfalls that may emerge and how to maximize your travel experiences from start to finish. Christen is a free-lance travel writer and speaker.

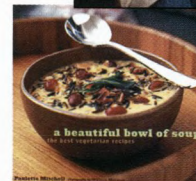


Quality Teaching: Reflection as the Heart of Practice, by **JOELLE GRUPE JAY, BM/NEVADA**, is currently being used in graduate degree programs, teacher certification programs, school change efforts, professional development programs, and other endeavors by educational leaders, teachers, and administrators. The book describes the why, what, and how of reflection, with a goal to support educators in fostering reflection as

an essential part of teaching. Jay is currently an educational consultant and coach with Pillar Consulting, and an adjunct professor at the University of Nevada-Reno.

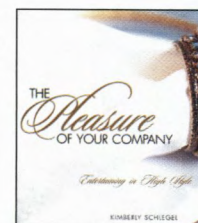
AUTHORS

A Beautiful Bowl of Soup is the eleventh cookbook by **PAULETTE MITCHELL, BO/IOWA**. Mitchell's 15-minute Gourmet series, including Chicken, Vegetarian, and Noodles, was awarded “Best Cookbook



Series in the World” at the 2000 World Cookbook Fair in Périgueux, France. Mitchell develops recipes and is a food writer for several websites and publications, including *Cooking Light Magazine*, *Weight Watchers Magazine*, and *Cooking Pleasures Magazine*. She has been a culinary instructor for 25 years, presently in Minneapolis, Minn., and her syndicated daily column of cooking tips and recipes appears on more than 100 television network websites.

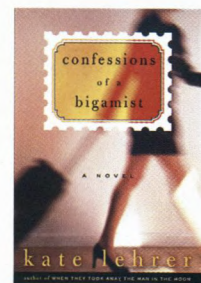
The Pleasure of Your Company: Entertaining in High Style, by **KIMBERLY SCHLEGEL, BΣ/SMU**, was published in November. The book takes readers behind the scenes at 20 exclusive parties across the country and offers innovative ideas, invaluable tips, and dozens of inspiring examples to make it easy for anyone to throw a party that is unforgettable. Schlegel is the founder of RSVP Soiree Party Rentals, an upscale event rental business and one-stop party shop for events of all kinds. She has also been featured as a style consultant on numerous television programs.



Baby Babble, a speech development video for children, was created by speech pathologists **CORY ARMSTRONG POLAND, AX/PURDUE**, and **AMY CHOUINARD**. The video was recently released and aims to introduce children to age-appropriate speech and language concepts, facial exercises, and sign language. The video has been recommended by the Video Librarian, Dove Foundation and numerous parents as a tape with a wonderful purpose: language instruction.



Confessions of a Bigamist is the fourth novel by **KATE LEHRER, ΓΥ/TCU**. With dry, subtle wit, Lehrer tells the story of Michelle Banyan, a woman who juggles the demands of a burgeoning career and marriage ... in fact, two marriages. The book can be regarded as a metaphor for the lives of women who “want it all,” as an examination of traditional institutions such as marriage, and as a good read about an engaging 40-something heroine. Lehrer is also the author of *Best Intentions*, *When They Took Away the Man in the Moon*, and *Out of Eden*.



INVESTING IN THETA

BUILDING A STRONG FUTURE FOR OUR FRATERNITY

By Kyle Hartvickson Handegard, ΓN/North Dakota State, alumnae district officer-at-large

Since 1870, more than 199,000 women have been initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. Think of the memories!

Do you remember your pledge service? Your big sister? Fire sides? Flying kites? Learning the secrets of our Fraternity during initiation? Regardless of where life takes us, the bond we share with other Thetas, the link between each of us and the Fraternity, is strong. We are always Thetas, whereas we are students for only a few years. Theta is truly for a lifetime!

In January, we will celebrate our Fraternity's 135th birthday. To help ensure Theta's strength for the next 135 years, we are asking each alumna to pay her annual per capita dues.

Members of alumnae chapters pay their per capita dues to the Fraternity as part of their

refreshed my memories and pride."

Theta needs each and every one of us who values the memories and life-long opportunities for friendship, growth, and leadership it provides to support one another and our Fraternity's future. Paying per capita dues is one way we can do this. At \$15 per year, the dues cost less than five cents a day! What a small investment to build a lifetime of Kappa Alpha Theta memories.

There are more than 120,000 living Theta alumnae, and fewer than 10 percent have paid dues individually or



chapter dues. Thetas who live in an area without an active alumnae chapter are known as at-large members. They are encouraged to pay the \$15 per capita fee directly to the Fraternity. (Information about how to do that is included in the sidebar at the lower right.)

In my position as alumnae district officer-at-large, I work to keep at-large members in touch with Theta. In my contacts with these members, I have frequently received comments like, "I have not thought about Theta for quite some time, and browsing the website

through an alumnae chapter. Just think of the programs and assistance we could offer if more alumnae made this commitment. Imagine if **all** alumnae did!

We each promised to be earnest, faithful, and enthusiastic workers for our Fraternity at the time of our pledging. It is a promise Theta needs us to keep.

By paying our dues—whether through our alumnae chapters or individually—we are investing in Theta's future and the hope that she will be here for our granddaughters ... and their granddaughters.

Editor's note: for more information about the alumnae-at-large program, please contact Kyle Handegard, kyleccci@aol.com. To find out if there is an alumnae chapter in your area, consult the Theta Directory at www.kappaalphatheta.org or call 888-526-1870.

Where Your Per Capita Dues Go

- The Fraternity's website. www.kappaalphatheta.org
- Your subscription to *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*
- The toll-free Fraternity phone number (that thousands of Thetas use every year)
- Mailings to our membership and local alumnae chapters
- Keeping our membership database up-to-date and available
- Staff time in support of our alumnae and our programming
- New alumnae programming and manuals
- Reasonable reimbursement costs for our volunteers who serve alumnae
- Programs to be presented at the college chapters to promote alumnae membership upon graduation

Legislation at Grand Convention 2002 established a per-capita basis for alumnae dues. Alumnae who belong to an alumnae chapter pay the \$15 fee through the chapter. Alumnae who do not belong to an alumnae chapter may pay their \$15 dues directly to the Fraternity. *These individual per capita dues are due on January 1 each year.*

You may pay with a check payable to Kappa Alpha Theta and mailed to 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, attn: Accounts Receivable. You may also pay via credit card at www.kappaalphatheta.org. (Click on the alumnae dues icon on the home page.) ♦

Founders Day and Friendship Fund Message 2005

We trace the beginning of the Friendship Fund to the 1924 Grand Convention, when a young alumna, Rachel Sumner Poole, Chi/Syracuse, spoke of a Theta in dire need and asked if there was any fund from which the Fraternity could aid her. In response, a committee was formed and recommended the establishment of the Friendship Fund at the 1926 Convention; a few months later, Grand Council suggested starting the fund through contributions at Founders Day celebrations. An important ongoing tradition is the secrecy surrounding the giving of gifts from the fund. Two members write on behalf of a sister, and the Friendship Fund committee determines the award amount. The requesters remain anonymous, and all records are confidential.

Today most contributions to the Friendship Fund continue to be made through Founders Day gifts. The suggested contribution is \$1 per year of Theta membership. The Friendship Fund is under the management of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, so all gifts to it are tax-deductible. Checks, made out to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation with "Friendship Fund" noted on the memo line, may be sent to: Foundation Headquarters, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Founders Day 2005 marks the 135th anniversary of Kappa Alpha Theta. On this Founders Day, we commemorate Bettie Locke, Alice Allen, Bettie Tipton, and Hannah Fitch. We remember the difficult times they faced on a college campus dominated by male students and male teachers who believed that women were unworthy of higher education. In Kappa Alpha Theta, our founders created a bond of sisterhood that sustained them in adversity and strengthened them throughout their lives.



On this Founders Day, we celebrate the history of our Fraternity, which has grown and flourished during the past 134 years. More than 199,000 women have been initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta, each individual adding her own strengths to the whole.

On this Founders Day, we support the Friendship Fund, which is a tangible demonstration of the strength of our sisterhood. Since 1926, the Friendship Fund has provided gifts to Thetas experiencing severe financial distress, catastrophic illness, natural disaster, and urgent family crisis. I first learned of the Fund as a collegian, and I thought then that the contributions gathered from my own relatively small chapter would not make much difference to a person in need. But just as drops of water, when adhering closely together, have the strength to move mountains, so do Thetas, by uniting our forces, have the strength to change lives.

Through the Friendship Fund, we provide material help to sisters in their darkest hours, and we realize that the strength of Kappa Alpha Theta lies in our willingness to live our convictions, to prove that ritual isn't just the words we say but the bond that links us heart to heart.

Loyally,

Karen Albrecht Ledbetter
Fraternity President
ΓT/Tulsa

friendship  fund



Kites *on the* Horizon

Theta kites are flying over two newly established college chapters, one on the West Coast and one in the Midwest.

The **Eta Mu Chapter** was chartered at **Occidental College** on November 6. Founded in 1887, Occidental is a coeducational institution offering both undergraduate and graduate programs. Located on a 120-acre campus near Los Angeles, the college is home to 1,840 students. Its mission statement defines its goal: "... to provide a gifted and diverse group of students with a total educational experience of the highest quality—one that prepares them for leadership in an increasingly complex, interdependent, and pluralistic world." Occidental's entrance level is considered "very difficult."

There are two local sororities at Occidental College; Kappa Alpha Theta is the first group affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) on campus.

The **Eta Nu Chapter** was chartered at **Lake Forest College** on November 20. Lake Forest is a coeducational undergraduate institution located on a 107-acre campus 30 miles north of Chicago. Founded in 1857, the school offers 26 liberal arts majors and prides itself on diversity. Its 1,330 students represent 46 states and 50 other countries. All classes at Lake Forest are taught by full faculty members, 98 percent of whom hold a PhD or equivalent degree and more than 30 percent of whom have published books in their discipline.

In addition to Kappa Alpha Theta, Lake Forest is home to chapters from Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi, and Delta Gamma.

• Please look for more information about Eta Mu and Eta Nu in the Spring 2005 issue. •

The Fraternity is currently seeking alumnae in the Chicago area to serve on the Eta Nu facility corporation board. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested, please send an e-mail message to Traci Nagle, tcn6@cornell.edu.

Eta Nu will participate in recruitment in January. Please send references for any unaffiliated Lake Forest students to Lindsay Kosisko, 811 Summit, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

MEDIA RELATIONS

"THETAS FROM MY CHAPTER ARE NEVER INCLUDED IN *THE MAGAZINE*!"

Have you ever heard another Theta say that? Maybe you've said, or at least thought, that yourself. While it's true that space constraints prevent us from featuring every college and alumnae chapter in every issue, the secret to getting published in *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* is actually simple: send us something suitable for publication.

The Snapshots section, which appears in each issue of *The Magazine*, was designed to recognize individual Thetas and Theta chapters. Take a look at the four pages of Snapshots in this issue, and think about whether a Theta you know (Perhaps it's yourself!) has accomplished something noteworthy, taken an exciting trip, participated in an interesting fund-raiser, or maybe just had her photograph taken with some other Thetas. Send the relevant information (The write-up doesn't have to be fancy; simply include the facts and make sure to spell the names correctly.) to the copy and correspondence address in the masthead on page 2. While we can't promise to publish everything we receive, we do carefully consider each submission. And if we can't publish something right away, we often hold it for a few months and include it in the next issue.

Perhaps you've thought about submitting an item for publication, but you weren't sure if it was appropriate. Here are some general guidelines to the items we publish in Snapshots.

- * Text only, or with photos: community or campus awards, book publications, job promotions, art exhibits, chapter anniversaries, and other individual and group accomplishments.

- * Photos with captions: trips, Founders Day celebrations, dances, sporting events, recruitment events, philanthropic endeavors, holiday gatherings, and other occasions when Thetas get together.

- * We're sorry that we can print only a few wedding photos per issue. We also regret that we cannot print baby pictures or birth announcements, nor can we publish obituaries.

In addition to featuring alumnae and college chapters in the Snapshots section, we also publish college and alumnae "reports" once each year. In-advance assignments for these brief articles are made to the college chapter vice-president external relations and to the alumnae chapter president via e-mail.

What will get your submission noticed and possibly published more quickly? We're drawn to unusual items and items presented with a "new twist." We're also drawn to good, creative photographs, in either traditional or electronic format.

Knowing what constitutes a good photo can help you get media coverage for your alumnae or college chapter, not only in *The Magazine*, but also in other publications, such as university and community newspapers. It will also help you get more satisfaction from your personal photo albums and scrapbooks. Below are some suggestions from experienced photographers that may help you.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine is a publication by and for Thetas! We welcome your submissions and will consider each one carefully. If you have further questions, please contact the editor, Liz Rinck, via e-mail or telephone. lrinck@kappaalphatheta.org or 888-526-1870, ext. 150.



TIPS FOR TAKING EYE-CATCHING PHOTOS & SUBMITTING THEM FOR PUBLICATION

- * Know your camera. Read the operating instructions and choose the proper film for the occasion.

- * Look for an action shot or an unusual perspective. Photo after photo of rows of Thetas gets dull pretty fast.

- * In general, fewer people are better. A photo of a sea of faces is intimidating to the eye.

- * Avoid distractions. Is there a cluttered coffee table in the foreground? Do there appear to be trees growing out of your subjects' heads?

- * Move in close. Are the faces of your subjects visible? Make your subjects as large as possible in your viewfinder.

- * Use good taste. Do not photograph Thetas holding wine glasses or beer cans or wearing T-shirts with inappropriate slogans.

- * Never write on the back of a photograph. By using a ballpoint pen or pencil, you run the risk of leaving an impression; by using a felt-tip marker, you run the risk of smearing ink onto the front of another

photo if you stack them.

- * Identify the people (including their chapter affiliation), location, and occasion of the photograph on a piece of paper and tape it to the back of the photo.

- * Ask for double prints so you have a set to keep and a set to submit or give away to friends. Although editors are careful with photographs and will usually return them if asked, cherished pictures are sometimes lost in the mail.

- * Send a regular photo-

graphic print. Do not submit negatives, color or black-and-white copies, newspaper clippings, Polaroids, or faxes.

- * If sending a digital photo, send a TIFF or JPEG image in IBM PC format with a minimum of 300 DPI. If you have a 72 DPI image, simply "bumping it up" to 300 in *PhotoShop* or a similar program will not work; the original photo must have been shot at a high resolution. ♦

When the alarm rings at 6:30 am., Sophia Weidner Augier, Beta Pi/Michigan State, begins her day much like many other mothers: by rousing reluctant youngsters from sound sleeps. Coaxing 6-year-old Marcel, twins Henri and Christophe, 5, and 3-year-old Margaux, she sets out clothes, helps with buttons, and pulls on socks.

Once they're dressed, Augier leads the pack downstairs for breakfast and another round of negotiating. Left to his own devices, she knows Marcel, for one, will opt for a breakfast of Ho-Ho's and Twinkies rather than cereal and juice.

By 8:30 am, everyone troops to the laundry room to put on shoes, collect lunches and backpacks, and load into the van.

From there, Augier winds through her wooded Chagrin Falls, Ohio, neighborhood and heads in a direction that is eons away from any destination she ever imagined: The Cleveland Center for Autism, where Marcel, Henri, and Christophe are all students.

"I know no other life—this is what I do," says Augier, 40, of the years since the autism diagnoses of Marcel at age 2½ and his brothers at 16 months. "There's a master plan for me, and this is part of it. Some days I just cry, because I'm so exhausted. But then someone will do something fabulous, my spirits will lift, and I'm OK again."

Her sons' triumphs fall into an equally surreal category. Augier never imagined she'd celebrate the moment Marcel made eye contact with her at age 3; or when Henri, then 2, finally sat still in his chair after a three-hour tantrum.

But that is what autism does, Augier's learned. Grappling with this mysterious developmental brain disorder re-defines and re-orders life; challenges faith and relationships; and threatens to drain emotional, physical, and financial resources. "Still, every little success makes you want so much more," she says, "and we've gotten greedy."

Augier's best hope is that her insatiability will result not only in productive and independent lives for her sons and others afflicted with autism, but that it will also demystify the disease for

The verse that first touched a new member has become the words she lives daily as the mother of three autistic sons

... and the Greatest of These Is Love

By Jan Schmitz Mathew, Δ/Illinois



The Augier children, summer 2004.

thousands who misunderstand its nature.

Propelling her passion are alarming statistics. The Autism Society of America reports an annual growth rate of 10 to 17 percent in autism cases, and a California study indicated a 272 percent increase in autism between 1987 and 1998. Translated, that equates to one in 10,000 births in 1998, the year Marcel was born; and one in 500 births just two years later, when he was diagnosed. While experts believe the increase may be due in part to changes in diagnostic criteria and better identification, they remain uncertain about other causes. Today, the occurrence of autism has risen to one in every 166 births.

"Autism is considered an epidemic, and the numbers keep rising," Augier says. "I feel strongly that if someone

doesn't start talking now and advocating for these kids, we'll lose a whole generation."

First Pieces Of The Puzzle

Augier credits much of her tenacity to birth order. Growing up in Mansfield, Ohio, as the oldest of four, she was always the one to step up, take charge, and set an example for her younger sisters and brother.

After graduating from St. Peter's High School, Augier left for Michigan State University. She pledged Theta—a bond she shares with her sister, Sherie Tracy, also a Beta Pi, and her mother, Penny Zivkoff Weidner, Gamma deuteran/Ohio Wesleyan—and earned a degree in merchandising management. For the next several

years, she lived a young professional's "dream" life, working for Spiegel in Chicago; jetting to Europe to select samples for the women's fashion line; and traveling to Asia to contract for production.

She met Marc Augier, a French citizen who had lived in suburban Detroit since age 9, through a blind date arranged by her sister. The couple married in 1994 and, after suffering three miscarriages, welcomed their son, Marcel, in 1998. Marc took a job in finance operations in Cleveland; Sophia left her position at Spiegel; and the family moved to a roomy colonial home just outside Chagrin Falls.

Augier describes Marcel as a happy, playful baby who was quick to follow her around the house on hands and knees or wobbly legs. But his behavior changed noticeably between his first and second birthdays. Shortly after the twins were born, Marcel stopped talking, pointing, or socializing, and he showed little interest in his brothers or parents. When their pediatrician suggested Marcel was acting out of jealousy over his brothers, the Augiers clung to his explanation.

Marcel's behavior continued to change, however. He started waking up nightly and would bounce on his bed, hum, or click the light switch on and off for hours. At a follow-up appointment in December 2000, the pediatrician suspected autism. And, after tests ruled out a brain tumor or epilepsy, the diagnosis was confirmed by the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism on February 7, 2001.

"My only frame of reference for autism was the movie *Rain Man*, and Marcel was nothing like the Dustin Hoffman character," Augier recalls. "But autism is a spectrum disorder, and that's why it's so confusing to the general public. You can't compare, because some children have very mild cases and can function well in school, while others are very severely affected." Augier also learned that symptoms of autism can surface immediately, or behavior can appear normal and then change gradually, as in Marcel's case.

Although the risk of having a second child with autism is approximately five percent, the Augiers didn't beat the odds. Shortly after Marcel's diagnosis, they learned that Henri and

Christophe are autistic. Sophia also learned she was pregnant with their fourth child.

"I had a very hard time at the beginning," Augier admits, "and I had to dig deep to find the skills and strength to deal with this. But I think my pregnancy saved me. I knew I had to take care of myself, and this new life gave me hope." Daughter Margaux, now a healthy, happy 3-year-old, was born on June 14, 2001.

A second lifeline came in the form of three words: applied behavioral analysis (ABA). The Augiers heard of the program from a friend in California whose autistic son had progressed significantly through this type of treatment. ABA, which is intensive behavior therapy, is expensive—about \$50,000 a year per child—and it focuses on continuous and intense one-on-one interaction. Backed by three decades of scientific data, the method is recommended by the National Academy of Sciences and, according to one well-known study, offers young autistic children a one in ten chance of becoming indistinguishable from their peers. ABA also is believed to be effective for cases ranging from mild to severe.

The field holds a number of therapies, however, and ABA is not without its critics. Grounded on B.F. Skinner's theory of rewards, praise, and repetition to teach skills and shape behavior, the curriculum bombards two- and three-year-olds with commands to play, talk, and engage in their surroundings in an effort to re-wire their developing brains. Therapists push children constantly and employ mild aversives, such as constraining holds to control aggressive behaviors.

After researching pros and cons, the Augiers concluded ABA held the most hope for their boys. They also considered it a godsend that the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism, housed at the Children's Hospital for



Sophia spends a special moment with daughter, Margaux.

Rehabilitation, practiced intensive behavior therapy.

"I liked the energy and the unwillingness to give up," says Augier of the Center's teachers and the exhausting regimen. "Many clinics took the 'We'll do as much as we can' approach. But at the Center for Autism, I heard, 'Your son will talk, and he will go to first grade.'"

The stretch was daunting, Augier admits. At the time he was diagnosed, Marcel had lost all imitation skills. Behaviors he had once mimicked effortlessly, such as combing his hair or brushing his teeth, had to be entirely re-learned. Yet the Augiers instinctively trusted practitioners of the applied behavioral analysis approach. "They came up with a written plan for getting us from one milestone to the next, with progress charted on a graph," Augier says. "Their goal was for our boys to be integral, independent people in society, and there was no holding back."

A Mom Sees Miracles

In conjunction with the Center, the Augiers set up an autism "school" in their home. They hired six tutors who, after 10 hours of training, began working with Marcel in two- and three-hour shifts, up to 50 hours a week.



Autism's Perplexities

The national symbol for autism—a ribbon filled with multi-colored puzzle pieces—represents the millions of individuals affected by this developmental brain disorder; the puzzle over its cause and treatment; and the hope of researchers, advocates, and families that autistic individuals can lead independent, productive lives.

According to the Autism Society of America (ASA):

A total of 1.5 million Americans are believed to have some form of autism.

Based on the current growth rate of 10 to 17 percent annually, the prevalence of autism could reach 4 million Americans in the next decade.

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The overall incidence of autism is consistent worldwide, but it is four times more prevalent in boys than girls. Autism knows no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries, and family income, lifestyle, and educational levels do not affect the chance of autism's occurrence.

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Autism is not a mental illness. Although there is no known single cause, it is generally accepted that autism is caused by abnormalities in brain structure or function. Researchers currently are investigating a number of theories, including the link between heredity, genetics, and medical problems.

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Autism is a spectrum disorder, which means its symptoms and characteristics present themselves in a wide variety of combinations, from mild to severe. Typically, social interaction and communication skills are affected. Persons with autism also may exhibit resistance to change; sustained, odd play; difficulty in expressing needs; laughing, crying, showing distress for reasons not apparent to others; aloof manner; repetitive phrases and words.

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In addition to intensive behavioral therapy, some medications, as well as vitamins, minerals, and dietary interventions, are used to treat autism.

However, not all researchers and experts agree on whether these therapies are effective or scientifically valid.

Because he lacked the natural instinct to play and interact, tutors rewarded Marcel with pieces of cookie, popcorn, and candy whenever he responded to them. Eventually, they weaned him from treats and reinforced positive behavior with verbal praise. The ultimate goal was to motivate Marcel through his own sense of self-satisfaction and happiness, says Augier. "At first, Marcel would get a

cookie whenever he glanced at us. Now, when I call his name, he looks at me. The principle is simple: when you do a task well, you're rewarded. It's the same way everyone works."

Following the twins' diagnoses, the in-home network expanded to 12 tutors who came and went from the Augier's home weekdays from 9 am to 6 pm, and several hours on the weekends. When tutors weren't on the job, Marc

and Sophia maintained a constant flow of communication, coaching the boys to dress, to sit at the table and eat, or simply to interact with them. "If no one facilitates play, 'down' time can be devastating for kids with autism because they retreat into their own worlds," Augier explains. "With any small break in routine, we saw regression."

Their schedule changed in September 2002, when the Autism Center launched a preschool. And while their boys made significant progress, the new environment raised equally significant challenges.

"We still employ in-home tutors to reinforce general life and self-help skills," Augier says. "Last winter, we focused on saying, 'I'm finished' after dinner, and taking each plate to the sink."

Skills, such as putting on clothes, are taught through a sequential, written program, learned one step at a time: Stand in front of your dresser; open the top drawer; put on your shirt; open the middle drawer; put on your pants. "The goal is to teach a sequence, and then generalize by chaining activities together," Augier explains. "If Marcel is downstairs, I can ask him to go upstairs and get dressed, and he'll know what to do."

Carrying skills from one situation to another is particularly difficult for her boys, Augier says. "Marcel knew his ABCs at home, but he didn't know them when he got to preschool. We had to start all over, and that was very disheartening. But it drove home the point that we really needed to work on generalization. I had to teach my boys that if you use soap in the bathroom at school, it's OK to use it at the Pizza Hut bathroom, too."

Because autism is a spectrum disorder, each boy follows an individualized program, based on his ability and progress.

At age six, Marcel's language skills are developing well, Augier says, and he recently started using words such as *the* and *a*. He's also made significant gains in understanding concepts. "He broke his arm recently, and we were blown away when he said, 'It hurts,'" Augier says. "We have to teach emotions, and the 'grayer' the concept, the harder it is for him to understand. It was a huge breakthrough for him to spontaneously

express pain.” Augier describes her oldest son as “quite behavioral,” and says Marcel works hard on controlling temper tantrums.

Christophe, 5, also has thrilled his parents with spontaneous comments. “When I play a game with him, he’ll say, ‘This is fun,’ or, ‘I want to do this again,’” Augier says. “Those types of comments are hard for him, because he lives in his own little world and has to be constantly drawn out.”

His twin, Henri, is much more severely affected. While Marcel and Christophe started attending Chagrin Falls Public School several hours a week this fall, their brother isn’t ready for the transition. “Henri’s my heart-break,” Augier admits, “but we’ll never give up on him. He understands certain phrases and language, but he doesn’t use speech all the time. We’ve determined that he’s a big visual learner, so videos and songs really help.”

Cheering on the boys is little sister Margaux. “She’s so well behaved, and she loves her brothers dearly,” Augier says. “Margaux doesn’t see a disability at all. When they do something great, she’s genuinely happy and talks about it for a long time.

“So many people think autism is not a recoverable situation, and we’re fighting those walls,” she adds. “We’ve seen huge differences in our children since they were diagnosed. And until we find a cure for autism, or some sort of early genetic marker, education is the critical piece.”

An Advocate Speaks Out

Misconceptions have been one of several barriers encountered by the Augiers.

The family’s health insurance carrier denied coverage for the boys’ speech, behavioral, and occupational therapy, as well as for MRIs, blood tests, and EEGs, on the basis that autism is not “habilitative.” When Marc lost his job with Cap Gemini Ernst & Young late in 2002—a time when the couple faced nearly \$150,000 in behavioral and speech therapy expenses—COBRA declined coverage, even for the boys’ wellness checks. Their families offered as much financial assistance as possible and, after nearly a year, Marc was hired as

a financial officer for Deloitte & Touche in Canton, about a one-hour commute from Chagrin Falls. His group insurance now covers the family. And this fall, after months of negotiations with the public schools, the district agreed to provide appropriate services for the boys.

Sophia Augier’s current advocacy on behalf of her family stands in sharp contrast to a woman who, only several years ago, asked relatives and good friends to keep her family’s situation “quiet.” Augier recalls sheltering behind closed doors, grappling with questions and searching for answers. But she’s since learned the value and purpose of her experience is measured largely by what she shares.

Last December, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* featured an in-depth, three-part series on the family, newspaper stories that resulted in an outpouring of supportive letters, contributions, and even a local nursery’s offer of a Christmas tree. The Augiers also agreed to an *ABC Primetime* interview with Elizabeth Vargus. The documentary aired in April 2004 and was viewed by nine million people.

One-on-one conversations with families new to the Center, and with members of local women’s organizations, are equally gratifying, Augier says. Among her most recent commitments is membership on the Special Education Services Board, a group of Cleveland-area attorneys who provide low or no-cost advocacy services for low-income families.

“There’s an uprising in the United States, due to the numbers of children diagnosed and parents who want to see results,” Augier says. “In a perfect world, the minute a child is diagnosed, that child would be put immediately into an intensive therapy program, with speech as the number-one focus.”

Augier visualizes an ideal world for her boys, too, and it’s a place much like any mother might wish for her sons. “I’d like for them to achieve everything they can in school, and to strive to learn more. I want them to have friends and to enjoy those friendships. I’d love for one of my boys to play a team sport, or to skateboard, or to order a pizza. I’d love for them to someday be fully independent.

“My children work so hard to learn

Augiers’ Angels

Sophia and Marc describe their in-home tutors as second family. And among the group, three truly are Sophia’s “sisters of the heart”: Jackii Piunno, Becky Kostyack, and Jennifer Pappas are all members of the Eta Kappa Chapter at John Carroll University.

Piunno, who served as Eta Kappa’s inaugural president in 2001, was among the first tutors hired by the family. She started three years ago, working with the boys 25 hours a week her sophomore through senior years, and 10 hours a week since graduation. Piunno also teaches in the transitional classroom at the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism.

“Most of what I’ve learned as a teacher and in life comes from working with Sophia’s family,” says Piunno, who graduated in 2003 with a degree in early childhood education. “I’ve learned that every human being has dignity, deserves respect, and deserves the right to live an independent life.

“Sophia’s unlike anyone I’ve ever met,” she adds. “Through all the ups and downs, I’ve never heard her say ‘Why me?’ All she knows is how to be proactive. She’s just a mom who wants her kids to be the best they can be, and she fights for them every day.”

And for Piunno, the sisterhood promise of “Theta for a lifetime” is grounded in the Augier family. “Therapy is a lifelong process for Marcel, Henri, and Christophe,” she says, “and I can’t imagine my life without these boys. I look forward to watching them grow into adulthood.”

one little thing. And, maybe if the boys weren’t autistic, I wouldn’t have noticed the beauty of child development and every small change, like Marcel tying his shoe in only two steps, or Margaux using a new word.

“Autism has taught me to see all of God’s miracles in their purest sense.”

A Century of Texas-Sized Enthusiasm

by Pamela Mayo Clark, AΘ/Texas

They came together as doctors, lawyers, ranchers, researchers, mothers, wives, volunteers, society matrons, corporate managers, real estate tycoons, singles, newly singles, grad students, and even octogenarians. And they were all sisters, most of whom had lived under the same roof during college, though certainly not all at the same time.

Close to 600 alumnae members of the Alpha Theta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta are still basking in the glow of the reunion that celebrated 100 years of the fraternity's chapter at the University of Texas at Austin (UT). The reunion events, held over the weekend of April 16-17 in Austin, brought together Theta sisters from as far as Weston, Mass, and as close as a few city blocks.

Ellie Luckett Schneider, who pledged Alpha Theta in 1950, and her daughter, Mary Schnieder Pitts, who pledged the same chapter in 1979, cochaired the Centennial Reunion. The mother-and-daughter pair was aided by 21 committees, each of which had its own roster of volunteers. Planning began about a year in advance, with the first mailing sent in summer of 2003 to alert Alpha Thetas about the reunion—and to seek vital donations to defray expenses.

Opening Night

On the reunion weekend's Friday night, the spacious atrium of the Omni Austin filled with hundreds of well-appointed women, all eager to catch up with college-era friends. Volunteers at the two registration tables could barely hear their customers over the din of chatter, laughter and squeals. In Texas, we call this "talking."

From the elegant downtown hotel, alumnae went to a nearby restaurant or to a sister's home for dinner with the members of their new member class.

Liz Murphy Geise, who pledged Theta more than three decades ago, hosted 20 members of her class for dinner (Tex-Mex, of course) in her recently renovated home in the rolling hills of West Austin. "We talked and giggled and had serious conversations and carried on until midnight," she reported, adding wryly that they would stay up much later at a Saturday night party when they were in college together.

One of Geise's pledge sisters noted that many of their own children are now the same age as they were when their mothers first met at UT as brand-new sisters. Many of their daughters have pledged Theta at UT and elsewhere around the country, further strengthening the bond.

A Family Affair

And then there are those for whom the Alpha Theta Chapter is a real-family affair. Billie Morelock Washington, 1935 Alpha Theta initiate, was joined at the reunion by her daughter Jan Washington Davis (1960) and Jan's daughter Janna Davis Wells (1985).

Katie Shipman, daughter of

Nancy Williamson Shipman, and a 2003 Alpha Theta initiate, became the third-generation of young women in her family to pledge the same sorority at the same campus. Katie's grandmothers, Diane Lehman Shipman and Rita McDonough Williamson, were new members in 1950. They became fast friends. Twenty-three years after graduating, Shipman introduced her son, Ware, to Williamson's daughter, Nancy, an Alpha Theta new member. Ware and Nancy married and became parents to Katie, who became a member of Alpha Theta's 100th new member class.

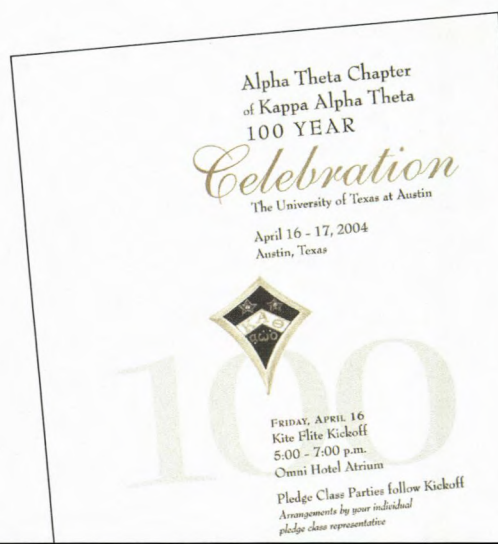


Mary Schneider Pitts (left) and her mother, Ellie Luckett Schneider (center), served as cochairmen of the reunion. Betty Jo Beaird (right) was a classmate of Schneider's.

Grand Finale

On Saturday morning of the reunion weekend, the Alpha Theta facility corporation board hosted a coffee at the house. Located at 24th and Pearl Streets in the West University neighborhood, the elegant pink-brick structure has housed Thetas for six decades and undergone numerous renovations and remodeling. Centennial celebrants toured their chapter house, exclaiming at upgrades to the bathrooms and bedrooms since their college years. They leafed through Alpha Theta's scrapbooks, yet another vehicle for renewing bonds of sisterhood.

The celebration culminated on Saturday evening with a gala dinner at the UT Alumni Center. A joyous grand march led alumnae by initiation year through enthusiastically singing collegians to the ballroom filled with gold and black balloons and festive tables.



Alpha Theta's current president, Caroline Nash, gave a moving invocation. Local television anchor and Master of Ceremonies Kim Zook Barnes, 1986, introduced the video chronicling Alpha Theta's first 100 years. Alumnae stood and cheered as photos from their own decade flashed on the screen to the tunes of that era's hits. In Texas we call this "rockin'."

"Greetings on this once-in-a-lifetime occasion," began the second video of the evening. It was the ever-distinguished and much-loved Dorothy Whitehurst Heard speaking from her elegant home in Houston. Initiated in 1923 (only 19 years after Alpha Theta's founding), the second-oldest living Alpha Theta shared her memories of arriving in Austin by train from Houston, riding a streetcar to the Theta house, and having her luggage arrive later by horse-drawn wagon.

"It has been my experience that a fraternity is far more than a friendship group," Dorothy reminded. "Fraternity is a combination of youth and experience, both with a loyalty to common ideals."

At 99, Dorothy still exemplifies the traditions and ideals of the fraternity, not only in her life as wife, mother and community participant, but also in her service to Kappa Alpha Theta. Dorothy served for eight years on



AΘ grandmother and granddaughter pairs: Patricia Hughes Burke and Amanda Burke (left); Janna Davis Wells and Billie Morelock Washington (right).



Grand Council and also for eight years as a trustee of the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

Glena Wood Yates, 1970, president of the Alpha Theta facility corporation board, reminded the Alpha Theta alumnae of their ownership of, and responsibility for, their chapter house, as well as the challenges in maintaining the 50-year-old structure. Glenna heaped gratitude on Mary Frances Bowles Couper, 1932, for her generosity in providing for redecorating the public areas of the house.

In addition to individual and group donations to the Alpha Theta facility corporation by reunion participants, the Centennial Committee submitted a

check for \$50,000 to the corporation. As the sixteen former members of the chapter's Octet sang "Ring Out Three Cheers for Theta," and "Remember the Black and Gold," Theta love encircled all Alpha Thetas—those in attendance, those who could not be there in person, and those remembered in spirit. In Texas, we call this "loyalty." ♦



Carolyn Neal Simpson, Katherine McLendon Gesell, Patsy Patteson Rose



After registration, attendees gathered for new-member-class dinners.



Frieda Hale, Patty Paddock McGuffey, Janet Lewis Peden, Janis Frank Henry, Luann Johnson Sewell, Maureen Healy Decerd.



Mary Miller Arnold, Marjorie Winn Ford, Rebecca Crowder Shatto, Juana Ree Owens Forrester.

STANDING

on Top of the

WORLD



Mills Funk Davis, EH/Centre College, remembers talking to her roommate about wanting to climb Mount Everest. Just a few years later, Davis was standing at the summit of the highest mountain in the world, fulfilling her dream. "I don't know why I wanted to climb Mount Everest, but I have dreamed of reaching the top since I was a child," she explains.

The 32-year-old Davis reached the summit of Mount Everest on May 24. She is an experienced climber, although she only began climbing big summits about four years ago. She has reached the top of Alaska's Mount McKinley (the highest peak in North America), Argentina's Aconcagua (the highest point in South America), Mount Rainier in Washington, and the Grand Teton in Wyoming.

When the opportunity arose to make the climb to the world's tallest peak, she readily accepted the chance to carry out her dream. "My best climbing friend was going on this trip, and one of the guides was a good friend as well," Davis says. "I was excited for the opportunity to go with two good friends."

The expedition required an experienced climber in top physical condition and ready for the intense challenges brought on by Everest. Davis relied on an intense combination of swimming, running, hiking and weight training. "I am in pretty good physical shape, but

A Theta Reaches a Childhood Dream by Climbing Mt. Everest

the training was hard" she says.

In addition to physical training, Davis also had to prepare herself mentally. She had to prepare to be part of an extensive group effort in a different culture and realize the risks involved in the climb. "I read a lot about Mount Everest and talked to friends who had made the climb," Davis says. "I knew on the inside how dangerous the experience would be. Although everyone knows the risks involved, it is not something you think or talk about."

Life on Everest

After the training and preparing, it was time to depart for Mount Everest and begin the 10-week journey to the summit. Davis met her team for the first time at the Kathmandu, Nepal, airport. Her group consisted of seven climbers, four guides, and a group of Sherpas, Tibetans who assist on the journey.

"After arriving in Kathmandu, we spent a few days there, checking our gear, meeting the Sherpas, and getting to know each other," Davis relates. "We then got on an ancient helicopter and flew 12,000 feet into the mountains. Once we landed, we were on foot the rest of the trip."

The group landed at the base of the Khumbu Valley. From there, they spent about 10 days trekking towards the Everest base camp, located at 17,500 feet. The journey to base camp takes longer than a normal climb of this magnitude, as the group must look to the future and go slow to allow their bodies to adjust to the altitude.

In addition to the base camp, the team had four camps established on the mountain. The first, Camp I, was located at 19,500 feet, and served as an intermediate camp until the advanced base camp, Camp II, was established at 21,000 feet. Camp II was made up of large tents for cooking and smaller tents for sleeping, and functioned as the base camp while Camps III and IV were set up at 23,550 feet and 26,300 feet, respectively.

The team spent their days climbing between the camps, acclimatizing their bodies to the altitude and conditions. The team climbed everyday, although some were just short acclimatization climbs and allowed plenty of time for rest. Davis recalls these short climbs and rest days as the worst. "It's easy to keep moving," she says. "Rest days were hard because you just want to keep going and you can't."

According to the web journal posted by Davis's Everest teammate Scott Graham, after about seven weeks of climbing between the various camps, the team retreated to a small village below base camp. They spent a few days resting, relaxing, sleeping, and eating to prepare for the climb to the summit.

"We were there 10 weeks, and it was a waiting game—two months of waiting on the weather and making acclimatization climbs to adapt your body," Davis says. "It was very long and agonizing."

Making the Move to the Top

After organizing and preparing for

by Celena Baker, BZ/Oklahoma State

the summit attempt, the team returned to base camp and waited for the optimal weather conditions to continue the trek. "We actually lucked out with the weather," she says. "We saw a lot of wind and snow, but nothing too bad or horrible."

The team climbed from one camp to the next, allowing plenty of time for rest. Along the way, they crossed several steep and difficult rock sections, which were made even more difficult due to the heavy boots, equipment, and oxygen mask.

"It's really uncomfortable because of all the equipment," Davis recalls. "I wore a one-piece down suit, backpack, harness, huge boots, and an oxygen mask. With all the equipment, you feel very clumsy and awkward, plus you're exhausted and your mind isn't working right due to the lack of oxygen."

Finally, all conditions were in place for the team to make their ascent to the top of Mount Everest. Davis says the team left Camp IV around 10 pm. She describes the climb as pitch black and extremely cold. Each climber had only a headlamp, and climbed one foot in front of the other for 11 hours.

"We climbed in the middle of the night so we would reach the summit in daylight," Davis explains. "Daylight is necessary to climb down, as that is the most dangerous part."

"It was very difficult," she continues. "You just had to keep thinking, *OK, 10 more steps ... 10 more steps ... 10 more steps....* and set small goals like that for yourself."

Despite the difficulty in making the ascent at night, Davis remembers the magnificence of seeing the world at such a high atmosphere. "The stars were absolutely beautiful," she recalls. "We saw so many shooting stars, and got to see a beautiful sunrise over Tibet."

Around 9 am on May 24, the team reached on the peak of the world's tallest mountain, Mount Everest (elevation 29,035 feet). However, Davis didn't feel like she was on top of the world. She said she was excited to reach the summit, but the 11 hour climb had left her with little energy to celebrate.

"I was definitely glad I did it," she says. "But then it was like, take a few pictures, rest, focus on getting down,

then celebrate."

The tip of Mount Everest is very narrow, steep, and unsafe, and there is no room for hugging or group pictures. Davis spent about 45 minutes at the top of the summit, snapping a few pictures, resting, and preparing to make the descent down.

"People make mistakes trying to get down," she says. "If you've used all your energy getting up the mountain, then trying to get down is difficult, and that's when it can be deadly."

No Dream is Too High

Not only did Davis's climb mark a personal achievement, but she was also climbing for something bigger than herself. In addition to fulfilling a personal goal, the trek raised money for Girls, Inc., of Bowling Green, Ky. Davis has been on the board for about a year and wanted to show her support by calling her climb "No Dream is Too High." Her climb has already raised more than \$40,000 for Girls, Inc., and will culminate with a fundraiser at which she will share her experience.

"Girls, Inc., really is more than an after-school program," Davis explains. "It teaches underprivileged girls that there are opportunities out there and encourages them to be successful."

Davis says the girls were extremely supportive of her journey. "They were great! During my trip, they sent me e-mails and made posters for me. Then they gave me a great welcome back. It's like they think of me as a famous person or something."

Life After Everest

Since returning home from Everest, Davis has been resting and regrouping. She's enjoying spending time with her husband, friends, and family and traveling. She adds that, while she plans to stay

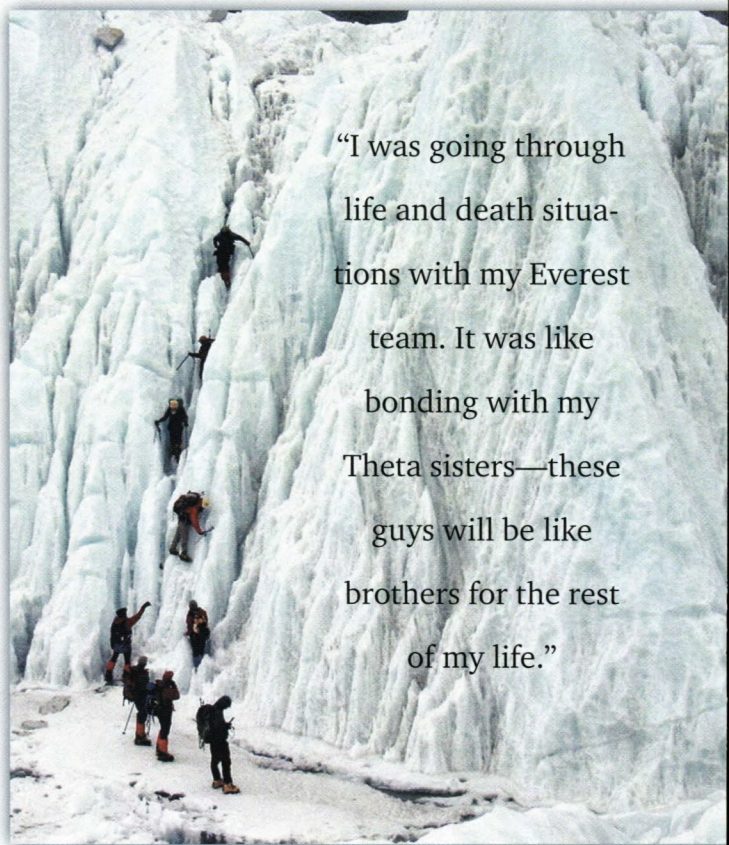
active through rock climbing and weekend trips, she has no plans to climb Everest again, or any other summits.

"I'm glad I did it once, but I see no reason to do it again," she says. "Your body is not supposed to go through something like that or be in those conditions. I lost a lot of weight, separated some cartilage from my rib, and suffered some illness up there."

"The climb was also hard on my loved ones, and I wouldn't put them through that again," she adds. "I never went more than one week without contact, but it was still hard on all of us."

Davis says the bonds she formed on the trip were much like the sisterhood bonds she formed as a Theta at Centre College.

"In Theta, the sisterhood was so tight and we experienced so much together," she says. "This experience was similar, just expanded so much farther—I was going through life and death situations with my Everest team. It was like bonding with my Theta sisters—these guys will be like brothers for the rest of my life."



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VOTING ... THEN AND NOW

EARLY THETAS FOUGHT
FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE,
AND TODAY'S MEMBERS
CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE
CITIZENS

This summer and fall, collegians across the continent devoted time and energy to "get out the vote" in the 2004 elections.

KATHARINE NEEDHAM, XI/WESLEYAN, canvassed neighborhoods and worked in voter registration drives in swing states. **KATIE SINGLETON** explained casting absentee balloting to **ALPHA ETA/VANDERBILT** sisters. **RACHEL GOTTSCHALK, DELTA ZETA**, encouraged **EMORY'S** radio station to broadcast a campus debate on the issues. And chapter facilities, like **BETA NU** at **FLORIDA STATE**, sported banners urging all to "Go Out and Vote!" These women understand voting is a privilege, one that our earliest members could exercise only in chapter and club meetings when the body politic was for "men only."

Now, not only may women vote, but they often determine election outcomes. The political arena has

changed, and many long-ago Thetas were among those who helped us gain full citizenship.

In the Fraternity's early years, most men and many women believed politics did not fit the female character. Others considered women too dependent on men to cast an independent vote. And still others believed they had enough to do raising children and managing a household and shouldn't be burdened with political issues. However, many records in the Fraternity archives serve as evidence that many long-ago Thetas believed women should have voting rights.

In 1871 Alpha Chapter invited Anna Dickinson to be an honorary member, and she accepted. A gifted orator who began speaking publicly in her teens, Dickinson vigorously supported both abolition and equal rights for all. Widely admired, she was the first woman ever to speak before the United States Congress.

Another suffrage leader—the Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw—became an honorary Theta during the Fraternity's 1893 Grand Convention in Chicago. A close friend and colleague of Susan B. Anthony's, Shaw was vice-president and then president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association (1904-1915). She also coordinated women's contributions to the war effort during WWI and was the first woman to earn the Distinguished Service Medal (1919). Unfortunately, Shaw died before her dream of voting rights for all women was guaranteed by the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified in 1920.

Equal suffrage was gained slowly, first in the West, then the Midwest, the East, and the South (1893-1919). Thetas with this newly gained privilege assured sisters still in waiting that "having the franchise to vote did not carry with it the perils outlined by conservative opponents." Throughout the late 1800s and into the early 1900s, chapter letters in the *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal* described members' support of the campaign at local, state, and national levels.

Kappa wrote of Miss Shaw lecturing at Kansas in 1894 and members' pleasure in meeting her.

Alpha Lambda/Washington

described how "every Theta who had reached the 'years of discretion' marched proudly down to the registration booth, oblivious to mankind's derisive hoots." In 1912 alumna Sevilla Axtell (Alpha, 1886) was one of the first two women elected a legislator in their state.

Alpha Zeta/Barnard wrote, "We all rejoice that our sisters in California have gained the ballot that many of us are trying so hard to obtain."

In 1912, Upsilon reported: "Minnesota students ... sat in a mock political convention. The women ... achieved a great victory in being allowed to sit as delegates from the equal suffrage states."

A 1913 issue of the *Journal* noted that Mary Ritter Beard, Alpha/DePauw, was editor of *The Woman Voter*, a suffrage magazine published in New York.

Omega/UC Berkeley wrote in 1915 that "The suffragettes of our Eastern chapters will be glad to know we have been through an active political campaign and emerged none the less womanly."

And, in 1918 Iota/Cornell wrote "The woman's hour has struck in the East ... we welcome this great victory ... symbolic of an era of new freedom for all women ..."

After the 19th Amendment was ratified, suffrage activist Alice Gram Robinson, Alpha Xi/Oregon, established the *Congressional Digest* to help women better understand issues as they exercised their newly won right to vote. It is still published today.

And so, when Thetas like Katharine, Katie, and Rachel worked to get out the vote, wore T-shirts and raised banners, shouting "Go Vote!" in 2004, they were carrying on a long tradition of Theta women engaged in the exercise of citizenship that has roots in early Fraternity history. ♦

Above: Anna Howard Shaw, an honorary Theta, was an advocate for social reform all her life. A persuasive advocate for woman's equal rights, she was considered the "Queen of the Suffrage Platform." Shaw was inducted into the United States National Women's Hall of Fame in 2000.

WOMEN OF VISION, WOMEN OF ACTION

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONFERENCE INTERIM SESSION

By Mary M. Williams, AOFI

Under the theme *Women of Vision, Women of Action*, the delegates and representatives of the 26 member groups of the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) met in Grapevine, Texas, for the 2004 interim session in October. NPC welcomed approximately 40 new delegation members to the gathering.

The NPC executive committee guided the meeting with efficiently conducted business sessions and extensive orientation and training sessions. Members of the executive committee are Martha Brown, Delta Gamma, chairman; Betty Quick, Gamma Pi Beta, secretary; Julie Burkhard, Alpha Chi Omega, treasurer; Linda Collier, Alpha Omicron Pi, chairman of alumnae Panhellenics; and Patty Disque, Chi Omega, chairman of college Panhellenics. The schedule for delegates also included campus and housing meetings, NPC standing committee meetings, and training for alumnae and college Panhellenic area advisors. Separate discussion and information sessions were also held for the presidents, executive directors, and editors of the individual member groups.

DURING THE BUSINESS SESSIONS, SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS WERE DISCUSSED AND ADOPTED. THE NPC BYLAWS WERE AMENDED TO:

- Clarify that alternate delegates are eligible to serve on standing committees and that additional members who are not delegates or alternates may serve as non-voting members of standing committees;
- Consolidate bylaw provisions concerning special committees and other committees and clarify that delegates and alternate delegates may be members of special committees and that members who are not delegates or alternates may serve as non-voting members of special committees;
- Permit NPC member groups to establish chapters at schools accredi-



ed through regional university accreditation processes used in Canada and other countries. This bylaw amendment also results in the addition of clarifying language to Unanimous Agreement V, Agreement on Extension.

Since 1902, the member groups of NPC have unanimously agreed to pursue certain procedures and ethics, which lead to orderly and ethical conduct. These Unanimous Agreements are binding upon all chapters of NPC member groups. Two resolutions amending Unanimous Agreement VI, College Panhellenic Association Agreement, were also adopted at the interim session in October.

- Section 2 was amended by adding a new clause that requires potential new members to sign a binding agreement of membership regardless of the style of recruitment used.

- Section 3 was amended to clarify the use of the signed membership acceptance when a preferential bidding system is used.

THREE OTHER RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED AS WELL.

- The recruitment style formerly referred to as *continuous open recruitment* will now be called *continuous recruitment*.
- NPC member groups agreed to advise their college chapters to plan

events with men's fraternities recognized by their national organizations and the college/university or with local fraternities recognized by the college/university.

- The NPC executive committee will pilot a focus group with several undergraduate Panhellenic women from across North America during 2005.

In the chairman's report, Martha Brown reviewed the implementation progress of the recruitment processes changes adopted in 2003 and thanked the recruitment processes committee for their continuing work in presenting programs, developing handbooks, and overseeing the implementation of the various aspects of the recruitment process.

She also noted that NPC offered its support in the Call for Values Congruence and developed collegiate Green Community standards as minimum expectations of college chapters of NPC groups. These standards were adopted by resolution of the conference and submitted to and accepted by the Franklin Square Group in February 2004. The Conference values the efforts of the Franklin Square Group to highlight the benefits of and to improve collegiate fraternity and sorority life. Each NPC member group should continue to review the NPC minimum standards document to be sure that chapters are in compliance with the expectations.

Three new committees have been established to assist in the programs of the Conference. The government relations committee will monitor US congressional and federal activities related to fraternal organizations and inform NPC of these activities. This committee will serve as the liaison to the Capital Fraternal Caucus and the North-American Interfraternity Conference Committee on Government Relations to organize and participate in events related to the annual congressional reception in Washington, DC. The other two new committees are the recruitment committee and the university assessment



Dressed in "Western wear" for a themed event, Theta attendees at the NPC interim meeting were Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, ΓΤ/Tulsa, Fraternity president; Carol Stenberg McPadden, Λ/Vermont, 2nd alternate delegate; Lissa Luton Bradford, ΑΗ/Vanderbilt, 1st alternate delegate; Mary Ellen Kutsenda Fitzsimonds, ΒΚ/Drake, 3rd alternate delegate; Helen Edwards Woodward, ΑΟ/Oklahoma, first alternate delegate; and Betsy Sierk Corridan, ΒΟ/Iowa, Fraternity executive director.

documents review committee.

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS TO NOTE:

- In April 2004, the executive committee attended the inaugural National Panhellenic Conference Distinguished Lecturer Program held at George Washington University. An NPC Foundation grant supported, in part, the presentation by the distinguished lecturer, Judy Woodruff, prime anchor at CNN and one of the nation's most highly respected broadcast journalists.
- NPC saw outstanding participation in the various Greek leadership conferences with 21 programs presented, 17 Something of Value presentations and participation in numerous other college student and Greek-affiliated programs and conferences.
- The 14th edition of the NPC Manual of Information will be released early in 2005. It will be available in hard copy format and on compact disc.
- The 2005 International Badge Day will be held March 7, 2005.

Ginger Banks, former Alpha Omicron Pi president and past NPC delegate, gave a special presentation to the conference. She conducted a sur-

vey within the NPC delegations, gathering their perceptions about sorority life in relation to the points presented in *Pledged: The Secret Life of Sororities*, by Alexandra Robbins. Included in those results were agreements that more emphasis needs to be placed on ritual; building positive relationships with other student groups, faculty, university administrators and non-member students; and bridging gaps between groups (cliques) within the chapters.

Banks encouraged NPC member groups to develop a communication plan to educate women, parents, siblings, etc., about the positive aspects of sorority membership. Further, all member groups and chapters should review their policies and practices to determine their effectiveness and the impression they leave outside the membership.

The Conference also warmly welcomed Dr. Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, 2003 recipient of NPC's Women in Higher Education Achievement Award, as keynote speaker. Dr. Guenzler-Stevens is director of activities and associate director of the Stamp Student Union at the University of Maryland, College Park, and is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. Her

remarks centered on the lives of today's college students and what they face on campus today, from technology to community service to over-programming to "nesting" desires. She also relayed the viewpoint of college administrators regarding students, ranging from risk management issues to apathy, from increased instances of mental health disorders to credit card debt.

Today's students, she explained, want to connect, to find a sense of family. It's often foreign for them to cede individual rights for the benefit of the whole. The self-esteem of college men and women is very fragile. They are smart and capable, but they don't believe they are. They are afraid to fail, and their parents don't want failure to happen.

Guenzler-Stevens stressed that we need to understand where our women are and what the influences are in their lives today. We need to serve as role models for our college women, to help them learn to talk to one another openly and honestly. We need to teach them that it's OK to succeed and to fail and how to learn from both. We need to teach them to be responsible for themselves and for others—to listen with their eyes and hearts. ♦

It all began one cold Chicago day in late February, when the Greek groups at Northwestern were told that *Trading Spaces* was interested in filming a Greek episode on campus. I immediately called my best friend, Vicki Burack, in Delta Gamma to see if she would be interested in trading houses. She said of course she wanted to participate, so now we had a team to trade houses. I also needed to find a Theta teammate, so I enlisted another friend, Tara Croft. Then we had to get the permission of our facility corporation board, which would also later have to sign contracts with *Trading Spaces*.

Our next step was to fill out the lengthy application. That night the four of us shut ourselves into one of the rooms at the Theta house and did not emerge until the application was ready to go. We sent the e-mail and waited to hear back. We were thrilled when we got a call from one of the *Trading Spaces* researchers, Tricia, to schedule a phone interview with each of the teams.



As we prepared for our winter finals, the phone calls from TLC kept coming. Tricia called to let us know that they liked the idea of remodeling the dining area in both the Theta and Delta Gamma facilities. Finally, toward the end of spring break, Tricia called me and said that we were one of the final groups that TLC was considering and that they wanted to send a scout to Northwestern.

About a week and a half after the scout's visit, we finally received a call from Tricia: we were going to be on TV! We had more paperwork to fill out and some logistics to work out with the university, and with the help of our facility director, Connie, we made plans for meals and to accommodate all of the crews' needs.

Finally the first day of filming arrived, along with the last week of classes.

It was Day Zero, in *Trading Spaces* lingo, the day that all of the crew arrives and preparations for the filming are made. After looking at both of the kitchens, the designers left to buy everything they would need for the rooms.

Day One started bright and early, and we had to be out of our own house by 7:45 am. We walked across the quad to

Trading Spaces

at Northwestern

By Hanna Patterson, T/Northwestern

meet "our" designer at Delta Gamma and find out what she had planned for the room. As she revealed the purples and greens that would soon canvas the room, we were a little nervous, but we decided to trust her design expertise. We had a lot of painting and refinishing work before we could rest. The room was huge, and many of our sisters came to help us paint and apply a wash to the ceiling. We began to realize just how much work we had to do and that it was going to be a very long day. As our long day turned into a night without any sleep, we continued to work. At last we were only a few minutes from our deadline, and under this pressure the room quickly came together.

Then it was time to see the new Theta room. When it was revealed, we all loved it, especially the warmer feel conveyed by the new wall color.

All of the excitement is over, but we will always have some great memories of our *Trading Spaces* experience. We had a great time and even though we did not get any sleep, we believe that an all-nighter spent redecorating is lots more fun than an all-nighter spent studying. ♦

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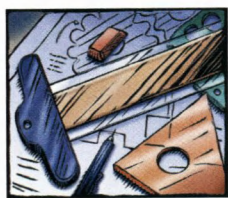
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WORKING TOGETHER FOR THETA

ADVISORY BOARD & FACILITY CORPORATION BOARD CONFERENCE 2005

By Traci Nagle, I/Cornell, facility corporation district director



Teamwork was both the theme and the homework at an unprecedented conference that brought 156

members of Theta advisory boards and facility corporation boards to Dallas in October. The conference was designed to educate both new and experienced facility corporation board members, who serve as the board of directors of a college chapter's facility corporation, and advisory board members, who provide guidance and advice on finance, recruitment, discipline, risk management, and all other chapter issues. The conference also provided ample time for these volunteers from across the US and Canada to network and interact.

After the opening dinner on Friday night, we plunged into the nuts and bolts of teamwork during a keynote address by Ginny Carroll, principal/CEO of InGiNuity and an expert on organizational behavior. Guiding us through the types of helpful and not-so-helpful behaviors in group meetings, Carroll taught us how to steer the work of a group more directly toward a goal, a valuable skill for every time-challenged volunteer. We learned that the core values of Kappa Alpha Theta are themselves tools that can help us cooperate and succeed as volunteers.

We were able to put our new knowledge to work right away in "solution sets" that were assigned as the "homework" for the weekend. Advisory board members and facility corporation board members were divided into teams to analyze and propose solutions to complex hypothetical situations. This creative exercise sparked our imaginations and highlighted the concerns of all those involved as members or advisors to our college chapters.

Saturday was devoted to educational sessions. In the morning, everyone participated in frank and open discussions with Jim Gross, a lawyer who specializes in fraternities and sororities and in corporate law, and Cindy Stelhorn, Beta/Indiana, a vice-president of M-J Insurance, which specializes in property and casualty insurance for Greek groups.

Advisory board representatives were able to take an in-depth look at the process of member development, while facility corporation board members explored fund-raising techniques and the roles of their boards today and in the future. Other sessions shone welcome light on the interactions between the two boards, the revolu-

Attendees at the October conference



Editor's note: Each of Kappa Alpha Theta's college chapters needs an active advisory board and facility corporation board. If you are interested in finding out more about advisory boards, you may contact the college district president (CDP) in your district; if you are interested in finding out more about facility corporation boards, you may contact the facility corporation district director (FCDD) in your district. Contact information for these women may be found in the Theta Directory section of www.kappaalphatheta.org.

tionized expectations of today's collegians and university administrations, and the special needs of challenged chapters. A session devoted to brainstorming ways to recruit and retain volunteers proved to be the most popular session at a conference that participants commented was "awesome" and "really helpful," providing "... so much information for me to take back to my chapter."

Generous grants from the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, as well as funds from the Fraternity budget, supported the conference and helped pay for the attendance of two representatives—one from the advisory board, and one from the facility corporation board—from each board at each of Theta's college chapters. A brand-new advisory board chairman described how much she benefited from her attendance: "This conference was wonderful in giving me direction. I feel more comfortable in going back to my chapter and implementing programs. This conference also made me appreciate my young women more."

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by Jane Miller Haase

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by Deborah Kirk Miller

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My New Theta Granddaughter

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by Jennifer L. Lucas

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James Marshall Thomas

by Jenn Hobby Newell

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by Linda Alligood Cox

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by Alice Elizabeth Appel

Birth of Evan Rose White

by Jennifer L. Lucas

Mary Margaret Williams

by Joan Tillotson Hackle

Marilyn Morse Wright's Birthday

by Jacques McKenney Fowler

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by Jennifer Payne

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by Madeline Reynolds Adams

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by Phil Harrington

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by Mary Pardee Maxwell

Martha DuMars Davis

by Mimi Davis Reid

Mary Louise Deeney

by Anne Heltzel Aberg

Gay Deland

by Liz Ayscue Katz

Mary Elizabeth Roberts Duncan</

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Allegheny

Mary Jane Kiebert Bates (Mrs. Arthur)
1932; October 2004

Beverly McKennett Sheridan (Mrs. Don)
1945; October 2004

Ethel Melius Thompson (Mrs. Charles)
1935; August 2004

Arizona

Sandra Chiono Cornforth (Mrs. Wayne)
1955; May 2004

Ball State

Christine Ebenholtz Finiak (Mrs. Thomas)
1970; August 2004

Butler

Ann Burger Atherton (Mrs. Hilton)
1936; August 2004

Suzanne Calwell Carlson (Mrs. George R.)
1943; July 2004

Joan Schrader Mauzy (Mrs. Rusch)
1939; May 2004

Joan Pfeiffer McDermott (Mrs. Malcolm)
1941; July 2004

Cincinnati

Lois Woodward Barber
1950; May 2003

Willard Fariss Hill (Mrs. Charles)
1945; June 2004

Betty Johnston McFarlan (Mrs. James)
1947; September 2004

Jane Akin Melville (Mrs. John)
1931; September 2004

Jane Bishop Simon (Mrs. David)
1937; February 2003

Barbara Kreimer Stuart
1942; October 2003

Colorado State

Mary Brownell Evans (Mrs. Clifford)
1937; June 2004

Connecticut

Bessie Amsden McGonagle (Mrs. William)
1942; May 2000

Margaret Murdoch O'Brien (Mrs. Donald)
1942; April 2004

Cornell

Katharine Saul Edmunds (Mrs. Stetson)
1924; October 1999

Denison

Barbara Taylor Geurtz (Mrs. Arie)
1934; June 2003

Dorothy Hart

1941; July 2004

Marjorie Stock Pryor (Mrs. Richard)
1941; July 2004

DePauw

Jean Phillips Isenbarger (Mrs. John)
1942; September 2004

Emory

Elizabeth Foote Babb (Mrs. Oren)
1962; February 2004

Florida State

Elizabeth Price Breeze (Mrs. Kenneth W.)
1926; July 2004

Fresno State

Jane Cole Bessey (Mrs. Corliss)
1953; May 2004

Elizabeth Kaupke Callender (Mrs. Wm)
1953; July 2004

Goucher

Esther Uhl Josi (Mrs. Byron)
1930; March 2004

Neville North McFerrin (Mrs. John)
1932; August 2004

Some people come
into our lives and
quickly go; some
stay a while and
leave footprints on
our hearts,
and we are never,
ever the same.

-Flavia



Illinois

Paula Lee Gottschalk
1963; September 2004

Virginia Kendall MacLean (Mrs. John
Duncan)

1943; October 2004

Mildred Fisher Talbot (Mrs. Phillips)
1933; October 2004

Carolyn Agnew Walton (Mrs. Herbert D.)
1934; October 2004

Indiana

Charlotte Fleming Crooks (Mrs. James)
1939; August 2004

Kansas

Mary Jane Merriman Hawkinson (Mrs.
Richard)

1947; March 2004

Kentucky

Julia Hurst Carty (Mrs. Fordyce)
1949; September 2004

Lawrence

Margaret Jennings Robertson (Mrs. Gene)
1936; August 2004

Louisiana State

Lucy S. Allen
1963; September 2004

Miami

Christina Spengler Bumstead (Gantt)
1988; September 2004

Emily Taylor
1956; May 2004

Michigan

Sheila Patterson Beukema (Mrs. Phillip)
1949; October 2004

Michigan State

Elizabeth Herb Church (Mrs. James)
1942; May 2004

Joy Pomeroy More (Mrs. Donald)
1951; July 2004

Eleanor Dise Trontl (Mrs. William)
1939; July 2003

Dorothy Schweinsberg Wilks (Mrs. John)
1957; June 2004

Minnesota

Nivea Haw Clarke (Mrs. Romeyn)
1930; June 2004

Missouri

Mary Osterloh Aiton (Mrs. William)
1930; June 2004

Jane Giesler Greenwell
1936; September 2004

Shirley Drew Hardwicke (Mrs. H.M.)
1936; July 2004

Nancy Chapman Swadesh (Mrs. Samuel)
1940; December 2003

Montana

Virginia Bode Lohmiller (Mrs. Waldo)
1933; September 2004

North Dakota

Ellen Benzinger Zwick (Mrs. Grant)
1957; June 2004

Ohio State

Jeanne Boals Hickie (Mrs. Don)
1940; May 2004

Mary Lou DeVennish Swartz (Mrs. J.
Robert)

1933; September 2004

Ohio Wesleyan

Marjorie Hallahan Bowers (Mrs. E.
Stanley Jr.)

1931; December 2003

Jane Dawson Durkee
1953; August 2004

Mary Jane Barrett Lowery (Mrs. Arthur)
1934; September 2004

Eleanor Seiller Tarbuton (Mrs. John
Robert)

1936; September 2004

Phoebe Wecht Zepht
1946; April 2002

Oklahoma

Diane Long Hayhurst (Mrs. Fritz)
1962; September 2004

Kathryn Ford Wallace Hudson (Mrs. Wm.)
1937; July 2004

Ann Cleveland Kiel
1948; January 2001

Olga Burnett Roderick (Mrs. Dorrance D.)
1921; September 1999

Lois Steele Swinford (Mrs. John)
1930; September 2004

Oklahoma State

Irene Bennett Kimball (Mrs. Frank)
1927; April 2004

Winona Winters O'Brien (Mrs. Jack)
1943; August 2003

Ruth Winters Robinson (Mrs. Warren)
1935; January 2003

Juanita Copeland
House Director; August 2004

Oregon State

Betty Crow Denson (Mrs. James L.)
1950; August 2004

Lois Plaisted Duffus (Mrs. Parmelee)
1935; April 2004

Pacific

Marion Starkey Webster (Mrs. Roger)
1959; April 2004

Penn State

Caroline Hahman Bayfield (Mrs. Ralph)
1931; July 2004

Purdue

Mary McClelland Bittenbender (Mrs. Wm.)
1939; September 2004

Mary Elizabeth Burnell Hurley (Mrs.
Edward)

1934; August 2004

Rollins

Jeanne Bellamy Bills (Mrs. John T.)
1933

SMU

Clare Moore Crockett (Mrs. Jack)
1959; May 2004

South Dakota

Mary Kathleen Neumayr Kloppling (Mrs.
Edward)

1932; January 2002

Texas

Mary Kathryn Bland Drake Oliver (Mrs.
Ken)

1956; June 2004

Julia Finnell Vague (Mrs. Glen)

1945; November 2000

Louise Vanderhoef Warren (Mrs. C. Dee)
1970; August 2002

Texas Tech

Sharron Marcus
1964; September 2004

Tulane

Carol Nilsen Allgire (Mrs. Michael)
1973; September 2004

UCLA

Miriam Teutsch
1969; September 2004

USC

Nancy Lewis Reade (Mrs. Harold)
1945; July 2004

Vanderbilt

Eugenia Freeman Brann (Mrs. Ralph)
1937; May 2004

France Armistead Dresslar (Mrs. Oscar)
1929; May 2004

Elva Hollins Thomison (Mrs. John)
1938; June 2004

Washburn

Sheela Dougherty Brown
1968; July 2004

Washington

Ruth Melton Hansen (Mrs. Harold)
1942

Washington State

Peggy Swart Abersfeller (Mrs. Heinz)
1933; December 2003

Helen Taylor Salquist (Mrs. Howard)
1933; August 2004

Washington-St. Louis

Mary Virginia Harris
1929; April 2004

William & Mary

Anne Bowen Smith (Mrs. William)
1934; April 2004

Wisconsin

Mary Ellen McInerney Eggers
1936; October 2004

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